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Pepped Up

Lancers senior gymnast, Lilly Haggett, made a grand entrance into this year's Winter Sports Pep Rally at Londonderry High School. The rally took place just before the holiday break and featured all the Winter teams. More photos page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Utilities Committee Look at Expanding Aggregation Plan

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee came together on Dec. 5 for a lightly attended meeting during the holiday season. Chairman, Lynn Wiles, had some new information about the community aggregation plan after talking to

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, on behalf of the energy subcommittee.

"The draft aggregation plan was submitted for legal review," said Wiles, who expected to have the legal process completed within a week and did not expect any complications. "I think

once we have that, then we can start planning the next steps, which is scheduling the public hearings."

If approved, the first public hearing would be with the Town Council before bringing the aggregation plan before scheduling a more

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Zoning Change Will Allow Mental Health Hospital Plan

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council approved a zoning amendment allowing hospitals as a permitted use in the Gateway Business District during the Dec. 18 meeting. Allowing a plan for a mental health hospital to move forward.

It was explained by Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, that currently they have a definition of what a hospital is as part of their zoning codes, however, they don't have any place that it is an allowable use, outside of Planned Use Developments.

"Recently this has presented some challenges," she said, explaining that they have had discussions with potential developers, who are looking to bring those types of uses to town.

One of the potential uses could be a psychiatric hospital. Representatives from Solution Health spoke to the Town Council during the public hearing, along with Deputy Health and Human Services Commissioner, Morissa Henn.

"My clients are looking to develop a medical facility that caters to behavioral health treat-

ment," Ari Pollack, an attorney representing the entity, said during the meeting.

He said since the town's zoning administrator determined it was considered a hospital, it was determined that they needed to get a zoning amendment.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, told the Planning Board during a meeting when the proposed amendment was discussed, that he had asked for the process to take place like normal, with the zoning change being vetted through the board process, who mak-

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Judge Rules in Favor of Minimal Fines on Political Ad Conviction

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Debra Paul, Publisher of the Londonderry Times and the Hudson Times, will be paying the fines related to being found guilty on five of six misdemeanor charges of not complying with RSA 664:16's political advertising disclaimer requirements.

At the sentencing hearing, on Wednesday, Dec. 20, the state attorney general's office sought to have Paul pay nearly \$4,000 in fines and have her perform 100 hours of community service despite the ads

identified as political ads.

Derry District Court Judge, Kerry Steckowych, agreed with Paul's attorney, Tony Naro, and issued a minimal judgement of \$100 per infraction.

The sentencing ended a year-and-a-half ordeal for Paul that started on Aug. 24, 2022, when Attorney General, John Formella, in the Election Law Unit announced that Paul had been arrested on six misdemeanor counts related to Penalties for Political Advertising for publishing political advertisements that did not comply with State elec-

tion laws.

The state had been threatening Paul with up to one-year at the county house of corrections and a fine of up to \$2,000 per infraction.

The state argued that Paul was warned twice, in 2019 and 2020, after the state had received complaints starting with Town

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Woodmont Medical Offices Move Forward with Planning Board Approval

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board had a full plate on Dec. 13 as they looked to clear a long backlog of old business.

One set of requests from Dec. 6 involved an application for the formal review to construct a 30,000-square-foot two-medical office building in the Woodmont Commons area at the intersection of Main Street and Woodmont Avenue. Engineer, Robert Duval, from TF Moran was at the meeting with Chris Nickerson of Nickerson Designs to give a presentation.

"We've been in front

of the board a couple of times now here. We've been through the design review process, we've been through Conservation, we've been through the Heritage Commission," said Nickerson. "The work that we've done to date has fully incorporated any comments the board has had for us in the past."

He highlighted changes in building windows and eliminating some parking spaces to improve building aesthetics. The plan also accounted for expected increased traffic in the area.

"Traffic is looked at

as a whole for Woodmont, and there's an allocation," said Duval. "We're still under by hundreds of trips, the allocation set up for this."

The site plan will require a separate subdivision of the property and four waiver requests. Board members had a few questions about the modified project, with Ann Chiampa wondering if the complex would regularly host "any type of ambulance."

"The facilities that we're talking about are not a licensed facility in the state of NH," said Nickerson, clarifying

that the complex is legally no different than a set of office buildings. "No in-patient care or anything of that nature is planned here."

Other questions mainly focused on the placement of roadways, with reassurances that interruptions to traffic through Woodmont Commons would not see a significant impact. Elevation changes in the area and narrow streets did pose a problem with some connections, making them difficult to redesign, especially with a connection to the Exit 4 Park and Ride meant to serve Woodmont.

"When COVID hit, that Park and Ride was turned into a site for all the COVID testing and shots, and it essentially never reopened," said consultant, Kevin Smith. There are no plans to reopen or to remove the Park and Ride. Smith could not say whether the site will have an impact.

Ray Breslin of 3 Gary Drive was at the meeting with a question regarding possible environmental issues.

"Most of the water in the retention pond is pumped across Michaels Way, I'm wondering if that is what is going to continue for the storm-

water running off this parking lot," asked Breslin. He was worried about groundwater contamination.

Director of Public Works and Engineering, John Trottier, assured Breslin that the plan had catch basins, pumps, and detention ponds to keep contaminated water away from local water sources.

The board voted to conditionally approve both the subdivision and site plan.

The Planning Board is tentatively scheduled to meet again on Monday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Mosse Hill Council Chambers.

School Board Hear Budget Proposal From Special Ed Department

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The proposed special education department budget was presented to the School Board during its Dec. 5 budget workshop meeting.

It was noted by Director of Pupil Services, Kim Carpinone, that about one third of the students in the district receive support from public services in some way, whether it be

a IEP, 504 plan, or in another area.

"As of Oct. 1 1,372 of the Londonderry district students get some type of support from pupil services," she said.

Carpinone also noted that it's a "volatile budget" as well, with predictions being made in advance for what services students may need as part of their IEP or 504 plan.

"It is a volatile budg-

et we plan in September for students really a year in advance," she said.

Carpinone said they are proposing an increase of \$391,281, based on the contracted transportation services for out of district placements and for IEP needs.

In total, the proposed budget is \$4,964,645.

One of the main goals that Carpinone

pointed to for the upcoming year is going with the EasyIEP software for when they write IEPs.

"We are planning to move to Easy IEP," she said, noting that a number of changes have been made to it in the last 18 months by the Department of Education, and "have successfully made a believer in me," Carpinone said.

Another goal Carpinone pointed to is the retention and recruitment of staff, noting that herself and others are optimistic about a proposed warrant article this year that will ask voters to

approve the contract between the school district and the Support Staff union. Among other things the contract would provide benefits for support staff employees, something they hope will make the district more competitive for recruiting in those areas.

It was also noted by Carpinone that they will be continuing to keep an eye on the results of the Special Education Study.

Carpinone also stated during her presentation to the School Board that their in district student population is also increasing, with 11 "stu-

dents who have multiple disabilities as a primary identification," 17 have intellectual disabilities "as a primary identification" 120 have Autism "as a primary identification" and another 10 have "a secondary identification of EBD."

Carpinone was asked about how it's decided whether or not a student is kept in the district or moved out of the district, Carpinone explained that it's primarily up to what is written in the IEP plan, which is written by the parents and the school based team.

"An IEP drives placement," she said.

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ZBA Approve Special Exception For In-Home Daycare

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items during the Dec. 20 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting was in regards to a special exception request to allow a home

occupation for a child care facility at 15 Chestnut Hill Drive, which is located in the Ar-1 zoning district.

"I am looking to get my variance for in-home daycare," Kimberly Birdsall, the applicant for the spe-

cial exception, told the ZBA during the meeting.

One of the questions raised by the board was in regards to the number of kids they expect to have at one time, if they receive approval.

Birdsall explained

that she would leaving it up to the state licensing process to decide what the limit they can have there, but she is estimating to have six kids at a time.

She explained that they would have children there from six weeks old up to six years of age.

"We will be doing some preschool-like activities," she said.

Birdsall explained that she would be the only employee and that she needs to go through the licensing process with the state first in order to open the business. She added that she is currently working at a facility in Manchester to get the needed experi-

ence for her license.

"This was the first step," she said about getting a special exception from the ZBA.

One improvement to the property they are looking to make is having a walkway from the patio to the door where people will be entering and exiting, which would be on the side of the house.

Kenneth Birdsall, who owns the single family home, said they were planning on making the improvements either way, but they decided to include it as part of the application since it would impact the potential in home daycare.

Another question raised was about the

drop off and pick up and if they would have enough parking on the property to handle it.

Birdsall explained that the drop off and pick up will generally be at different times and that they have a wide and long driveway to accommodate enough cars.

She said the hours for the daycare would be from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There was no request made to have a sign for the in-home business.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment ultimately approved the special exception request without any restrictions.

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

Zoning

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es recommendations, before the Town Council has the final say.

Caron noted that the Planning Board voted 7-0-1 to recommend approval of the zoning amendment, with Town Councilor, Ted Combes, abstaining, to reserve his vote for the Town Council.

Henn gave a number of statistics during the meeting, including that about one in five residents of the state are living with a mental health and or substance abuse issue. She said in order to get people the care they need, one of the critical solutions will be to get more beds available.

"We simply do not have enough acute inpatient psychiatric beds in this state," she said.

Henn said the state is "very supportive of the location," and the state would be investing \$15 million into the hospital project.

In total, the hospital project is expected to yield 144 beds, for all populations.

It was noted by Farrell and others that while the public hearing consisted of comments regarding the potential proposed project, the point of the amendment

would apply to any future uses in the district, and it would still need to go through the Planning Board process before any project is approved or not.

Fire Chief, Bo Butler, said oftentimes when companies come to town, they draw on town services and then the town doesn't get anything in return. He added that as their

process through various town boards goes on, he wants to work with them on coming up with a plan in order to have a collaboration together.

Pollack said they would do so and also noted they would be paying taxes, since they would be a for profit hospital. He also noted they expect to create an estimated 270 jobs if their future plans are approved.

OBITUARY

Winnifred Loraine Pitts



Winnifred Loraine Pitts, 87, of Atkinson, NH, former long-time Londonderry, NH resident, passed away Wednesday Dec. 20, 2023, at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, MA, after a sudden illness. Winnie was born April 8, 1936, in Madison, ME and was the daughter of the late Phillip and Frances (Hibbard) St. Peter. She was raised and educated in Madison, prior to relocating to Londonderry in 1963. She had lived in Atkinson for the past year.

But for a few years selling real estate, Winnie spent most of her life as a homemaker raising her three children. She made a mean apple pie winning the only two pie contests she entered; her strawberry shortcake was pretty good too, with real whip cream, "not that stuff in a can." In her later years she and husband Ed worked for FEMA helping people after (mostly) natural disasters. Her most memorable experience was in New York City after 9/11.

She also enjoyed painting and spending many winters seasons in Venice, FL. She will forever be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and great grandmother.

Members of the family include her loving husband of 67 years, Edgar Pitts, two sons and their wives, Thomas (Celeste) Pitts and Philip (Lisa) Pitts; one daughter, Susan Cooper. Seven grandchildren, Eric, Lisa, Jessica, Michael, Laura, Travus and Jonathan; and five great grandchildren, Ben, Luke, Jimmy, Rosalie and William.

The family will be planning services for a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry, NH is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.co.



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Editorial

Welcome the New Year and Get Involved

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On January 1, 2000, the first issue of the Londonderry Times was mailed out. At that time, it was a monthly newsletter, which soon blossomed into bi-weekly and then to a weekly news publication.

The start of the New Year is traditionally a time for reflecting on the past year and resolving to do things differently in the days ahead.

We've started the New Year by continuing to publish the Londonderry Times and by adding The Hudson Times. When reporting on town and school district activities, whether they are official stories and or not, we make sure that all of our readers are informed of all of the decisions being made and discussions that are taking place in each of their hometowns. It's not unusual for news stories to appear first and only in our papers. Yes, we may have made errors, but we can say in the 24-years of producing newspapers we have only run a handful of corrections each year.

We are dedicated in producing quality product, and put great care into what it looks like along with recognizing that timeliness and accuracy are the hallmarks of what a newspaper offers its readers.

While it takes no effort at all to complain about what goes on at town hall or the school district, it can be so much more rewarding to

participate in the process. Make positive changes, make truly lasting impacted full resolution by getting involved.

Filing period for public positions begins in mid January and there are open seats that often go unchallenged and the same people keep getting reelected.

This is either a case of residents feeling the jobs are getting done satisfactory or it's that it's too much trouble to run.

The latest tax bills brought an outpouring of comments on social media directed toward elected officials.

In the past we've heard, "If you don't like it, move," we know that is not the answer. We've also heard "A Yes vote means higher taxes," That's correct too, but there needs to be some middle ground somewhere between those comments.

Perhaps a better solution is attending the budget hearings and deliberative sessions that are coming up in January and February. Make a point of attending those events and speaking your mind, politely and reasonably, with facts. At the very least, let your elected officials know what you think, no matter the subject, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Best of luck with your resolutions, no matter what they may be, from all of us at Nutfield Publishing to all of you, our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.



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Letters

World Rules-Based Order Under Duress

To the editor,

Since WWII the US and allied countries have developed and implemented a "rules-based international order" in the world, which has kept world civilization safe from destruction.

But the world order is now being threatened by Xi Jinping of China who claims sovereignty over the South China Sea, threatens to attack Taiwan, is conducting genocide against Uighur Muslims, imprisoned many dissidents and started a COVID pandemic in the world.

Putin of Russia went to war against Georgia and is now attempting to conquer Ukraine in a bid to expand the Russian empire in Europe, and he has thoughts of occupying Poland and other European countries. He continues the dictatorship in Russia.

North Korea continues to threaten South Korea and the United States with nuclear war.

Iran sponsors terrorist groups in Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Gaza; and it threatens Israel with annihilation.

The US must continue to support our allies against the forces of tyranny and evil through defense agreements to prevent the collapse of the "rules-based international order". A collapse could lead to a major war with many millions of people killed and the doubling of US defense budgets.

Note: The information in this letter was derived from Alan W. Dowd's article in The American Legion Magazine of June 2023.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Vote Trump

To the editor,

My intention with this Letter to the Editor is to remind my fellow Londonderry voters of several of the "Promises Made and Promises Kept" accomplishments as to why you should vote for Donald Trump in the upcoming primary of Jan. 23.

- Built the world's most prosperous economy, where middle-class family income increased nearly \$6,000, and unemployment for women hit its lowest rate in nearly 70 years

- No new wars and reduced American involvement in several conflicts

- Brought jobs, factories, and industries back to the USA as we hit record stock market numbers and record 401k's

- Greatly strengthened the southern border, ended asylum fraud, shut down human smuggling traffickers

- Substantially reduced drug abuse and drug related deaths

- Rebuilt the military and created the United States Space Force

- Created energy independence by unleashing America's oil and natural gas potential

Were you better off then, or now? You know, that I know, that you know the answer.

If you were able to attend a local Trump rally, or watched one from around the country, you saw America-First Patriots of all ages, blue-collar & white-collar workers, and both genders, stand in support of a proven leader who received respect from our allies, and stood

strong against our foes.

Our beautiful country can return to its greatness, but only if the right person is elected as president.

Please join me in voting for Donald Trump on Jan. 23.

Respectfully,
Brian Crowley
Londonderry
Team Trump Captain

Write In Joe Biden

To the editor,

My 91 year-old Korea War veteran father gave me permission to submit a letter to the editor that he recently had published in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

It reads as follows: (Presidential Praise)

"The media continue to tout polls that indicate low approval ratings for President Joe Biden. I don't believe them. They have never asked me, not anyone in my extended family who, for the most part, give him an enthusiastic thumbs-up. Last Wednesday, the stock market hit a record high, but the Inquirer and other publications chose to give front-page priority to the House Republicans' ridiculous and wasteful impeachment inquiry. The media are complicit in pushing not only the false impression of Biden's poor performance but also the age factor.

Let's look instead at some of Biden's accomplishments: inflation is now under control, unemployment is at an amazingly low 3.7%, and job creation has been rising steadily since he took office. Despite what

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Town Council Send \$490K Pickleball Warrant Article Forward

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council was tasked with deciding on whether or not they should send a warrant article to the ballot, asking voters to approve raising and appropriating funds to build pickleball courts in town during its most recent meeting.

During a previous meeting, members of the town's Pickleball Task Force presented its find-

ings and recommendations to the Town Council and Budget Committee.

The task force got different quotes for various work that would need to be done to bring the courts to town.

For six courts, estimates came in at \$360,000 to \$560,000, and for 10 courts, the estimated cost is \$490,000 to \$740,000 to build the courts.

Unlike last year, when a warrant article failed asking voters to approve

funds for engineering to be done, this time they were looking to secure funding to build courts.

Pickleball Task Force Chair, Brian Samolyk, said previously they were looking for a warrant article coming from the Town Council instead of a petition warrant article.

"I need the Town Hall backed warrant article the citizens' petition we know where that's going to go nowhere," he said.

One question raised

during the meeting came from Town Councilor, Ron Dunn, who asked if they would be looking at getting any donated services to help the process.

Samolyk said they talked to several vendors, and were told if and when they get the funding they could discuss it further about helping. He added that the main expenses would be for the site work.

"We're talking signifi-

cant money," he said.

Budget Committee Chair, Patrick Cassidy, asked if they were to go with a warrant article of six courts, and if they get more funding through donations if they could get 10 courts instead.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said the language is critical, if they were to explore that option.

Cassidy suggested they should have an

amount on the warrant to accommodate at least six courts, but have it worded so they could get up to 10 courts if they are able to get more funding.

The Town Council approved sending a warrant article to the ballot with a total allocation of \$490,000. No vote was taken on whether or not they would recommend the warrant article during the meeting.

Utilities

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extensive meeting to get input directly from Londonderry residents. Colonial Power and Freedom Logistics have already submitted a notice of intent to regulators in Concord, although the Utilities Committee had not yet gotten a response from the state.

"It sounds like the whole process is gaining some traction," Wiles noted.

There was a similar discussion on forming a heating oil and propane community aggregation

plan, although most of it was informal, and the Chairman referred to it as more of a "discussion" than a plan. The Town Manager is still reviewing the possibility of gas and oil aggregation, as were town attorneys.

Committee member, Mike Speltz, was doing work on solar battery storage for Londonderry.

"I sent an email to a company in Texas that sent us an inquiry, but I haven't heard back from them, and it was several weeks ago," said Speltz. "I had the impression they were going to get

back to me, I'll ping them again."

It was unclear how serious the original pitch for a solar plan was. If approved, the town could lease land for solar generation and storage.

Speltz also gave an overview of his search to find state or federal grants for Londonderry.

"There's a lot of grant opportunities out there, I've been reviewing them as best I can, I haven't found anything that is really a close fit other than a block grant we're already working on said, Speltz. However,

he did mention that many grants for low and medium-income towns might fit some of Londonderry's low and medium-income households. "I've been looking for an opportunity to get something going for their benefit, or even a mix. I'd certainly be will-

ing to travel up to Concord just to have an office visit up there."

He promised to talk with the Committee State Representative Liaison, Ron Dunn, who couldn't make the meeting while raising the possibility of contacting the NH Department of Ener-

gy for more advice.

The Utilities Committee is scheduled to meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Moose Hill Council Chambers. All subcommittee meeting dates are published on the Londonderry town website.

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Fines

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Council Chairman, John Farrell, and the late Town Moderator, Tom Freda, as well as a local resident, Laura Morin.

During the sentencing hearing, Judge Steckowych heard pleas from community members for leniency on the

infractions.

Londonderry State Representative, Kristine Perez, and Attorney, Kevin Coyle, both spoke on her behalf. Both expressed all that she has done for the residents in the communities.

Dozens of letters supporting Paul were also presented to the judge during the hear-

ing.

Senior Assistant Attorney Generals, Myles Matteson and Matthew Conley, did not feel that Paul felt any remorse for her actions, but told the judge they were not asking for jail time, but felt \$3,800 in fines and 100-hours of community service would satisfy the state. They also requested that an additional \$3,800 be paid if Paul was arrested within the next two years.

Paul's Attorney, Tony Naro, argued during the

trial in early December that the ads in question were clearly "political ads" and they were all marked as to who was paying for them and felt \$100 per infraction was all that was needed.

Naro commented after the sentence, "While we were disappointed with the verdict, we are thankful that the court adopted our sentencing recommendation. Deb Paul has dedicated her life to the community. She has been, and will continue to be a tireless advocate

for the First Amendment and the right of the people to be informed. With the court adopting our sentencing recommendation, Ms. Paul can finally move on from this and continue her work. With local news vanishing from our communities, I hope the residents of Londonderry, as well as local businesses, not only continue to support her paper, but increase that support in 2024."

Paul is also happy to put the ordeal behind her, saying, "I was happy that the judge agreed with my attorney on the

size of the fines and negating the community service. I believe the time my husband and I put into these papers each week speaks for itself."

She added, "This is an issue I hope is cleared up at the state level. It has been my contention that the law targets newspapers unfairly, while leaving other forms of print advertising such as direct mail and signs unaffected."

Note: Publisher, Debra Paul, was not involved in the writing of this article.

OBITUARY

Marjorie Eve Ann Doherty



Marjorie Eve Ann Doherty, 63, of Laconia, NH passed away on Monday Dec. 18, 2023 at her home. Marjorie was born in Everett, MA on Aug. 4, 1960, a daughter of the late Gerald and Magda (Acevedo) McCormick. She had resided in Laconia for the past 5 years, formerly living in Londonderry, NH for 22 years.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Daniel Doherty of Laconia, one son, Colin Doherty of Londonderry, one daughter, Kelsey Doherty of Laconia, two brothers, Gerald McCormick and his wife Amy of Lynn, MA, and Michael McCormick and his wife Lisa of Londonderry, niece, Micaela McCormick, and nephew, Michael McCormick, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ron and Pam Doherty, their children, Stacey, Kim, and Kelly of McHenry, IL, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Donna and Dale Zamestall, their children Casey and Megan of McHenry, IL, Sister-in-law Melissa McDougall, her children, Sean, Heather, and Chelsea of McHenry, IL.

Marjorie graduated from St. Mary's High School in Lynn, MA and then went on to receive a bachelor's degree from Rosary College in Chicago, IL. Marjorie lived and worked in Wisconsin before returning home to Massachusetts in 1995 with her young family.

In her free time, Marjorie loved spending time on Lake Winnepesaukee where she camped in Paugus Bay for fifteen years before making Laconia her permanent home. Her favorite thing was spending quality time with those that mattered most to her.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Wednesday Dec. 27, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, and concluded with a Catholic prayer service.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Jimmy Fund. Please visit www.jimmyfund.org

OBITUARY

George R. Lamarche



George R. Lamarche (also lovingly known as Jorge, Denny and Papa), 76, of Londonderry, NH passed away Saturday Dec. 23, 2023 in the comfort of his own home. George was born in Westfield, VT on March 10, 1947, a son of the late Joseph and Maria (Bonneau) Lamarche. He had been a resident of Londonderry since 1994, formerly of Stoneham, MA. George proudly served with the US Marine Corps from 1965-1971 with a tour in Vietnam. George loved all New England sports, especially the Red Sox. George also loved his dog, Penny.

George is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elaine (Peach) Lamarche of Londonderry, two daughters, Michelle Brutus of Londonderry and her husband Ralph, Nicole Pooler of Hopkinton, NH and her husband Alexander, one son, Michael Lamarche of Manchester, NH and his wife Melissa, eight grandchildren Katlyn, Amanda, Olivia, Morgan, Matthew, Camden, Nathan and Emerson, three great-grandchildren Ronan, Bailey and Collins, two sisters, Patricia Wolfe of Hudson, NH, and Jeannine Muir of Fairfax, VT, and one brother, Richard Lamarche of Milton, VT.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Wednesday Jan. 3, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Calling hours concluded with Marine Corp honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Wounded Warriors Foundation, <https://bit.ly/LamarcheWW>

OBITUARY

Thomas L. Sharkey

Thomas L. Sharkey, 82, of Londonderry, NH, died Friday Dec. 22, 2023 in the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Sept. 30, 1941 in South Bend, IN, a son of the late Henry and Kathryn (Parker) Sharkey. He had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 40 years, formerly living in Arlington Heights, IL. Thomas was a US Air Force veteran serving from 1959 - 1963. He was employed in the computer field throughout his career most recently as a senior technician for BAE Systems.

As a father, Thomas was thoroughly immersed in his son's athletics including soccer and baseball as a coach, umpire and biggest fan. He held a lifelong fascination with cars and motorsports which he shared with his sons and grandson. His granddaughters evoked his interests with their stories, questions and global travel adventures.

He is predeceased by his first wife and children's mother, Anne Marie (O'Connor) Sharkey and survived by his wife Ann (Stanton) Sharkey of Londonderry; and two sons, Timothy Sharkey of Old Bridge, NJ, and Patrick Sharkey of Salem, NH; his sister, Susan Perno of Tucson, AZ; as well as grandchildren: Kathryn, Megan and Jack Sharkey.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Friday, Dec. 29 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Town Council Officially Move Treasurer Question To Ballot

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After voters rejected a charter amendment changing the town's Treasurer position from an elected position to an appointed one last year, the Town Council agreed to move forward with putting the question on the ballot again this year, during its Dec. 18 meeting.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said they first needed to get approval from the Attorney General and other entities to make sure the language was in compliance. After receiving a letter from the Attorney General giving

ing the town the OK, it triggered a seven day window for the Town Council to decide if they want to put it on the ballot or not.

"The council does need to decide yes or no in terms of the amendment to the town charter," Malaguti said.

Current Town Treasurer, Kathy Wagner, who has expressed her support for moving to an appointed Treasurer position, noted that the position wouldn't be going away.

"The only difference that we're asking for is that the person be appointed versus being

elected," she said.

Some of the concerns raised by Wagner, and Finance Director, Justin Campo, is that currently there are no background checks done on those who are candidates for office, which would be different if the position was an appointed one, and there are also concerns about someone being elected who has no experience.

"I worry that without this appointment we're at the mercy of who's the most popular person at the time of the election," Wagner said.

Dan Bouchard spoke during the meeting say-

ing that even if they were to move to an appointed position, and do a background check on the individual, it doesn't mean someone won't do something wrong.

He also noted that they should take more time before putting it back on the ballot, saying that people may be upset about it being on the ballot again after voters rejected it last year, which could lead to negative consequences for other warrant articles, suggesting people may vote no down the ballot.

"Last year the people

spoke, is what I'm saying," he said.

Town Councilor, Jim Butler, said he doesn't just represent people who vote, but rather needs to look out for the interests of everyone in town. He said he's concerned that they could end up with someone as Treasurer who has no accounting experience.

"That would be a disservice to all the taxpayers," he said.

Butler said he has listened to those who voted and those who didn't vote for it.

"I want to make sure that we have someone there who has some

type of expertise or some type of training in that area," he said.

Town Councilor, Ron Dunn, said based on the conversations he has had, people are split on where they stand on the issue.

"I think that we should hear from the voters one more time to affirm what they have to say," he said.

It was noted that while the Town Council agreed to move the question to the ballot, there will be another opportunity for the Town Council to decide if they will recommend it or not.

School Board Get Briefed on Proposed Food Services Budget

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board and the Town's Budget Committee were presented with the proposed budget for food services during its most recent budget workshop meeting.

"We are looking at a total budget of \$2,041,000," Director of Dining Services, Krystle Connell, said, noting that the budget is a self-sustain-

ing fund.

Connell explained that as part of the budget, they will be spending down a large amount of its fund balance, which is larger than normal due to getting additional revenue at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was noted that the state determines how much should be in the fund balance from the dining services account.

She noted they saw big

changes to the state reimbursement rates for the current school year.

"There have been significant changes to the reimbursement rates this school year," Connell said.

For free and reduced breakfasts, the state reimbursement went up by two cents, but the rate for paid breakfasts went down by 12 cents.

For lunch, the free reimbursement rate went

down eight cents and reduced lunch rates went down three cents. The paid reimbursement rate from the state for paid lunches went down 37 cents.

Connell explained that the change is due to school districts having increased fund balances for their food services and there is no timeframe for if or when the reimbursements will go up again.

"We did not increase meal prices for this school year," she said.

It was noted by Connell that they don't have enough data yet to determine if they will raise the

costs for meals next school year, noting that the discussions would take place in the spring.

In order to spend down some of the larger than usual fund balance, Connell said they are proposing to allocate about \$300,000 in equipment needs.

A total of \$165,000 is being budgeted for combi ovens at Matthew Thornton, North School, and Londonderry Middle School. At South School \$14,000 is being budgeted for an electric oven and two burner stove, and \$30,000 is being budgeted for four warmer cabinets with three going

to Londonderry Middle School and one to Matthew Thornton.

Connell explained that the equipment they are looking to replace are over 15 years old and generally require a lot of maintenance. She added that they are also looking at adding new cafe tables for all of the elementary schools as well.

One question raised was in terms of costs and supply chain issues.

Connell said "food costs have evened out," but noted that they continue to have some supply chain issues with things like paper materials for example.

Letters

Continued from page 4 the doomsayers claim, the economy is doing well. Just visit the malls, look at on-line sales numbers, and any other measure of economic activity and you can see how people continue to spend. Another point: I'm a veteran who has

used the VA health system for over 20 years. I have never seen the system run as efficiently as it does today. With help from the GOP, the Biden administration could do more to protect the environment, and possibly get the border situation under control. I'll add the fact that Biden is an honorable man, espe-

cially when compared with his likely opponent in 2024. Let's give Joe Biden the credit he deserves."

Londonderry, Write-In Joe Biden on Jan. 23.

Thomas Skudlarek (as submitted with permission by his son Paul) Lansdale, PA Paul Skudlarek Londonderry



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Pre-Holiday Pep

Londonderry High School classes were introduced to the winter sports teams during the seasonal Pep Rally. Teams made an entrance into the gym, where a number of performances and activities took place before going on the districts holiday break. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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OBITUARY

Doris Jean Goodwin



Doris Jean Goodwin, 81, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023 at Hackett Hill Nursing Care in Manchester, NH. Doris was born April 27, 1942 in Boston, MA and was a daughter of the late John and Jacqueline (Hatfield) Cronin. She was raised and educated in Melrose, MA and resided in Wakefield, MA, prior to relocating to Londonderry, in 1973.

Doris was a homemaker and raised six children. She loved gardening and raising plants inside and out. She was a great cook and loved spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her five sons, Robert Goodwin and his wife Shirley of Derry, Bruce Goodwin and his wife Cindy of Londonderry, Kenneth Goodwin and his wife Anna of Manchester, Timothy Goodwin and his wife Johanne of Londonderry, and Richard Goodwin and his wife Cheryl of Bradford, MA; one daughter, Claire Gallien of Londonderry; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews; and her best friend for 71 years, Carol McCormick. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, T. Allan Goodwin in 2015, and a son, Steven Mark Goodwin in 1963.

Calling hours were held Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. The burial will be in the Pillsbury Cemetery in Londonderry in Spring 2024.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancers Basketball Cruise Through Final Weeks of 2023

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team started the Winter sports season with four straight wins, with just one of those games being close.

The Lancers tacked on two regular season victories on their home court to finish out 2023, to continue the regular season with an undefeated record, then hosted a Holiday Tournament where they finished with a 3-0 record.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, Londonderry was able to outlast the Portsmouth Lady Clippers in a 64-62 nail-biter.

The LHS squad began the contest with a three-point lead in the first quarter and headed into the second period at 18-15.

Heading into the half, sophomore star, Sammy Sullivan, scored four, three-pointers, to help her team to a 40-26 lead by the end of the second.

The Lancers kept up the pressure on both sides of the courts in the third quarter to head

into the final period with a comfortable 56-36 lead, but that's where LHS let PHS back into the game.

The Portsmouth squad outscored Londonderry 25-8 during the final stretch, but held on to secure the team's third win of the season.

Sullivan led her team in scoring with 20-points, including four three-pointers, and four-points in the first and fourth.

Fellow sophomore, Brooke Eacrett, had another solid game, finishing with 16-points and scoring in every quarter.

Junior guard, Mia Giampa, added 11-points to the LHS tally, including three, three-pointers.

Three nights later, at home for a Friday night game, Londonderry dominated the usually

unbeatable Bishop Guertin Cardinals, 60-42.

The Lancers allowed just four baskets to the Division I defending champions in the first half, to take a 28-7 lead by the end of the half.

In the second half, BG was able to gain their footing back a bit, but not enough to overcome their 21-point deficit.

Londonderry was fouled 13 times in the second half and scored 15 times out of 20 attempts from the foul line.

Sullivan had her second consecutive 20-point game, scoring in every quarter. The sophomore forward was sent to the free-throw line 16 times, scoring 10 times.

Freshman guard, Gemma Murray, had a big night, tallying 18-points against the BG defense, scoring eight-points in the first quarter and ten in the sec-

ond half.

Eacrett came away with 10-points in the game, including four from the foul line.

Over the Christmas break, the Londonderry girls continued to dominate, finishing the Holiday Tournament they hosted with a 3-0 record over teams from throughout New England.

Head coach, Jon Doherty, commented, "We had competitive games across the board. Bedford and Londonderry both went 3-0. The team played fantastic all week, we still have a lot of growing to do, but I am very proud of this group."

The Lady Lancers will start 2024 with another home game, they will take on Keene (3-0) on Friday night, Jan 5, starting at 7 p.m.



Lancers sophomore Samantha Sullivan scored 20-points in the two home games before the Christmas break. Photo by Chris Paul

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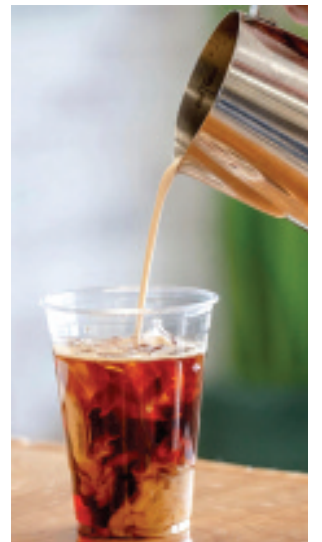
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Lancers Boys' Basketball Get Victory Over Bishop Guertin

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team

ended the second week of the Winter season with a win and a loss. Both games took place on the road, one

on the seacoast and the other in Nashua.

The team's week leading into the holiday break began with a 74-50 loss against the Portsmouth Clippers, at Portsmouth High School, but in Nashua, against the Bishop Guertin Cardinals, the Lancers claimed their first victory of the season, ending the year with a 58-57 win.

In the loss at the coast, on Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Lancers had trouble scoring in the first quarter, but came back in the second and trailed 34-24 by halftime.

In the third period, the Portsmouth defense once again made it difficult for LHS to score and led 58-34 going into the final quarter.

In the fourth, Londonderry was able to keep pace with the Clip-

pers crew, but were not able to gain any ground and wound up falling by 24-points for the team's third defeat.

Junior Jameson Seaman led Londonderry in scoring with 12-points.

Senior Ty Miles and junior Mason Paquette each had eight-points in the loss. Senior Ryan Williams and junior Blake Thompson each

contributed five points.

Following the team's third consecutive loss to start the season, the Lancers secured their first win of the season when they traveled to Bishop Guertin on Friday night, Dec. 22, winning in a tight contest.

Miles finished with 17-points to lead the Lancers in scoring with Paquette and Seaman

contributing 11-points each.

Junior Matt Luongo had 10-points in the victory.

The Lancers will begin 2024 with a tough home game against the Bedford Bulldogs (3-0) on Tuesday night, Jan. 2, followed by a road game against the Keene Blackbirds (2-2) on Friday night, Jan. 5.



Londonderry senior forward, Ty Miles, led his team in scoring during their win over Bishop Guertin. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancers Hockey Off to a 3-0 Start

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Hockey squad is off to an excellent start, winning the first three games to start the Winter season.

In each game, the Lancers outscored their opponents by three

goals.

In the first week, LHS beat the Salem Blue Devils 4-1 and the Exeter Blue Hawks 6-3.

Just before the holiday break the team traveled to Keene, where they were able to come away with another 4-1 victory.

Londonderry goals

were scored by sophomore Taran Bowers, junior Liam Knight, senior Mike Maloney, and junior Brett McKinnon.

The LHS squad will host its second home game on Saturday, Jan. 6, against Hanover High School, starting at 5:10 at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett.



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Pento Remains Undefeated and Gets 100th Win at Lowell

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team ended 2023 with some fixed results. The Lancers lost to the Concord High School Crimson Tide on Tuesday, Dec. 19, but then traveled to Lowell Mass., where one of the key wrestlers finished with a championship title.

In the final home dual meet of 2023, the LHS

team fell 63-18 at Londonderry Middle School.

Londonderry wins came in the 157-, 175- and 190-pound weight classes: Jonathan Millis had a fall victory over Jeydon Wilson at 5:50; David Pento Jr. quickly pinned Carl Sirrianna in less than a minute; and Patrick O'Connor registered his fall over Isaiah Puckett at 3:15.

At the 2023 George Bossi Lowell Holiday

Tournament, in Lowell, Mass., just before Christmas, Pento came away with his 100th career victory and a weight class title in the 175 lb. bracket after two days of wrestling six opponents.

In that bracket, Pento got four pins, a 17-1 technical fall and a 9-2 decision to take home the title. This was Pento's second tournament win at this prestigious event that had nearly 100 schools from all over New England competing.

The Londonderry team placed 28th overall, scoring 89.5 points with the winner from Newtown Conn. posting 215.5 points.

In the 150-pound bracket, Manny Perez finished in sixth place. Perez started his day with a 13-2 Major Decision in the first round, won his second match 7-

2, and his third finished with a pin at 3:58. Following that, Perez took 13-2 major decision followed by a 4-2 win.

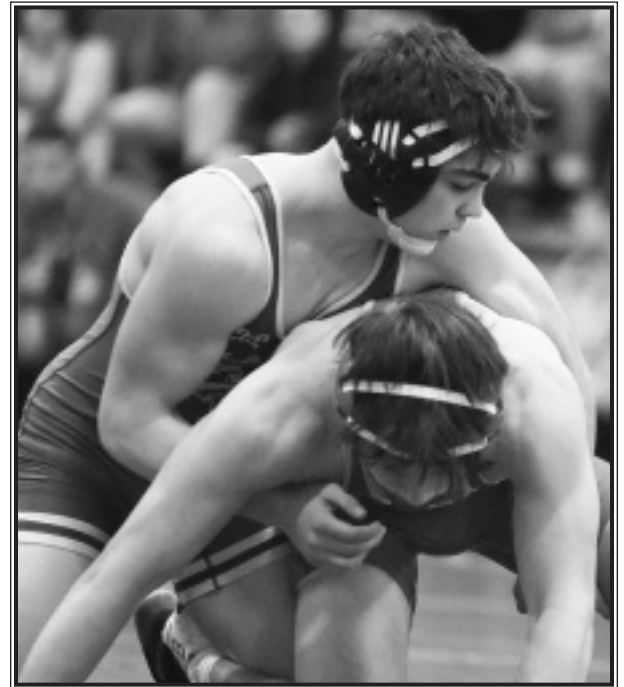
In his sixth bout of the tournament, Perez was narrowly defeated 4-5 followed by two more losses in his final two matches.

In the 190-pound bracket, senior Lancer Patrick O'Connor had a fifth-place finish.

O'Connor began the day with a quick pin at 2:11 of the bout, followed by three more consecutive wins. A 7-0 decision, a 1-0 victory and a 2:38 minute fall.

In his fifth bout, O'Connor fell at 3:31 and then lost his sixth match in a very close 2-1 decision.

O'Connor went on to win his final bout of the tournament by forfeit to take the fifth-place spot.



Junior Lancer, David Pento Jr. got his 100th career victory and a weight class title at the George Bossi Lowell Holiday Tournament

Athlete of the Week

Week of Dec. 17



Leah Doherty Sophomore, Swim Team

Leah has come a long way from her first year on the team. She is working very hard and successfully competed in the 100 butterfly in the team's recent meet.

David Pento Jr. Junior, Wrestling

David wrestled tough against Salem the number one team in the state and won with a pin and then went into the weekend against two tough Mass. wrestlers from Saint John's Prep and Taunton. He finished the week with a dominant win over Pinkerton with a 15-0 technical fall. He then defended his Londonderry Holiday title and got his 100th win at the annual Lowell tournament.



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Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before Jan. 31, 2024.

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

It is further Ordered that the accompanying summons be published once in the Londonderry Times, a newspaper published in: 60 Crystal Ave, Derry, NH 03038, the publication to be 20 days at least before said return day. It is further Ordered that a copy of the summons be mailed to the defendant at his/her last know address by registered or certified mail.

Dated: 12/28/2023

OBITUARY

Aud Raastad Segalini



Aud Raastad Segalini, 84, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Dec. 18 after years of bravely battling an aggressive and rare neurological disease.

Born in Oslo, Norway, Aud dedicated her life to serving Jesus and serving others. She met her husband, Jim, in England and they wed in 1961, just six months after meeting. Jim's military career moved them from England to TX, then to NE, ND, and VA. Finally, they moved to NH, with three children in tow. And in each place, Aud created a beautiful, warm, and loving home for her family.

Aud was a courageous, loving, and supportive mother and wife. She maintained an interest in the passions and professions of her children and grandchildren, right up to her passing. She also engaged her mind with theology, politics and current events, and faithfully subscribed to "The Union Leader" newspaper. Most of all, she was a person of prayer, regularly speaking to God about her concerns and those she loved. Aud fervently believed that God heard her and spoke to her, and He did.

For decades, Aud counseled and mentored women from her community, praying with them and seeking guidance from Scripture. She was also admired for her exceptional and elegant hospitality when frequently hosting friends and family in her beautiful homes. She made faith the foundation of her family and the compass she chose to direct her life. As a mother figure and confidante to so many, Aud was often affectionately called "Mamma," the same name her children called her.

Aud was predeceased by her father, Ansgar, her mother, Ruth, and her husband, Jim, to whom she was married for 60 years. She will be dearly missed by her daughter, Nina Segalini Sutton, married to Clement (Chip) Sutton; daughter, Kristin Margrethe Coffin, married to Peter Coffin; and son, Erik John Segalini, married to Jennifer Segalini. She also leaves behind 5 grandchildren, each of whom she loved deeply: Jesse, Brenner, Ryan, Allison and Natalie.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Aud with a donation to the work of the Windham Presbyterian Church Deacons Board, 1 Church Rd., Windham, NH 03087. Checks can be made to "Windham Presbyterian" with the memo line: "Deacons Fund/Segalini."

Funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 23, at Windham Presbyterian Church, 1 Church Rd., Windham, NH.

Interment was held at NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH on Thursday, Dec. 28.



LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC BOND HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 33:8-a and 40:13 and The Londonderry School District Charter, the Londonderry School Board of the Londonderry School District will hold a public bond hearing on Tuesday Jan. 16, 2024, at 7 P.M. at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria, 295 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, regarding the possible issuance of approximately \$34,200,000 of bonds for an Addition & Renovation Project at Moose Hill School for current overcrowding and to accommodate a full day kindergarten program.

The public is invited to attend.

GREENWorks: Time to Add an ‘R’? Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – REFILL

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services In an era when environmental sustainability and community well-being take center stage, refill stations have emerged as a modern and popular solution to address both concerns. A refill station (sometimes called a “refillery”) is a retail store to reduce single-use plastic production by promoting the reuse of one’s own containers. These stations usually supply consumables like dried fruit, grains, spices, deter-

gents, cleaning products, hygiene items, and water. Using refill stations as part of a lifestyle routine not only reduces plastic pollution but also conserves resources from the production of plastic packaging. Think about all of the laundry soap containers you’ve thrown out or recycled over the years. The production of plastic bottles and containers requires substantial amounts of fossil fuels and water, further contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and resource depletion; not to mention the energy required to manufacture and transport the products. These refilleries can also stimulate local economies, garnering a sense of community, providing jobs, and attracting people from all over. Shopping alongside other sustainability supporters is a great way to meet like-minded people and build your community. Due to these stores being a relatively new concept, there aren’t many of them around. Having so few of these stations will result in people traveling out of their way to visit, creating economic growth in that area.

Ready to Refill? Generally, to purchase items in one of these stores, you would bring your own reusable container (glass jar, empty plastic container, an old Tupperware container, etc.), fill it with whatever product you need, and pay for what you have. It’s that easy. Many stores also offer some reusable containers for purchase or donated by others. So, there are many benefits to switching to refillery products, but where can you find one? It does take a little looking around. Here’s what we found: The Refill Station in Portsmouth prides itself on being a low-

waste shop, committed to reducing its plastic footprint. The store provides a wide variety of different household and personal care products; and even delivers with your own containers. Witching Hour Provisions in Hopkinton is not your average coffee shop. Not only do they sell fresh brews, but they also host a refill station for home cleaning and hygiene items. For food refills in Concord, the Concord Food Co-Op gives you the option to buy certain foods and drinks with your own containers. Foods like grains, flour, nuts, coffee, etc., can be bought in your own reusable container, and you get to decide how much you want to take home with you! Also in Concord is Bona Fide, which has over 30 refill options including detergents, soaps, and hygiene products.

are a great idea and very effective, but depending on how many of the products you need, they can rack up a high bill. Luckily, some household and personal care products are inexpensive and easy to make at home. All it takes is a quick internet search from a reliable source and you can find quick and cheap recipes for common products like soaps, lotions, shampoos, and cleaners. For example, this easy and cost-effective laundry detergent recipe below only requires 3 ingredients, and you can make it in bulk.

Homemade Powder Laundry Detergent

Ingredients:

- 4.5 ounces shaved bar soap
- 14 ounces Borax
- 14 ounces washing soda


Instructions:

- Thoroughly stir all three ingredients together for several minutes.

- You can take this a step further and blend the mixture in a blender or food processor to create a powder that will dissolve easily even in cold water. (Just be sure to let the dust settle before removing the lid of your blender or food processor so you don’t inhale the fine particles.)

- Store in a sealed container with a small scoop and you now have between 32-64 loads of soap. 1 Tbsp is recommended per small load, but you are encouraged to use more for large/heavy loads.

Whether you start shopping at refilleries or making your own products at home, this is a healthy habit to adopt in 2024. Small changes like this can reduce waste and conserve resources, all while fostering a feeling of togetherness and community.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FY25 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will receive public input on the proposed FY 2025 Town Budget on Friday Jan. 12, 2024, beginning at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, N.H. Please be aware the Warrant is likely to change based on any meetings that occur before the Jan. 12, 2024 meeting as well as meetings that occur after the Jan. 12, 2024 meeting. Any questions please call the Londonderry Finance Department. The Warrant under consideration at this time includes:

Article	Description	Proposed FY 25
Article 2	Amendment to Town Charter - Treasurer	
Article 3	Loan Authorization for High Range Road Water Supply Extension Project	\$145,000
Article 4	Operating Budget	
	General Fund Operating Budget	
	Town Council	\$13,106
	Town Manager	\$756,036
	Budget Committee	\$100
	Town Clerk	\$608,689
	Finance & Administration	\$698,582
	Assessing	\$440,852
	Information Technology	\$647,366
	Legal	\$200,000
	General Government	\$538,654
	Cemetery	\$42,540
	Insurance	\$5,459,383
	Conservation	\$3,500
	Police Dept.	\$10,438,838
	Fire Dept	\$8,580,867
	Building Dept.	\$442,146
	Public Works Dept.	\$4,838,522
	Solid Waste	\$2,768,641
	General Assistance	\$136,250
	Cable	\$266,270
	Recreation	\$239,653
	Library	\$1,497,130
	Senior Affairs	\$116,312
	Community Development	\$358,176
	Debt Service	\$1,153,477
	Total General Fund Operating Budget	\$40,245,090
	Enterprise Fund Operating Budget- Sewer	\$5,786,347
	Total Operating Budget	\$46,031,437
Article 5	Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund	\$200,000
Article 6	Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund	\$650,000
Article 7	Establish & Fund Capital Reserve Fund for MS-4 legally-required water quality monitoring & reporting work	\$100,000
Article 8	DPW Vehicles/Equipment Lease - 2 Six-Wheelers, 1-Ton Dump, Back-hoe	\$90,000
Article 9	Capital Reserve - Fire Department Trucks	\$100,000
Article 10	Capital Reserve - Fire Department Equipment	\$75,000
Article 11	Capital Reserve - Recreation	\$10,000
Article 12	Capital Reserve - Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion	\$75,000
Article 13	Capital Reserve - Cable Equipment	\$32,500
Article 14	256 Mammoth Road Building ("Lions Hall")	\$500,000
Article 15	Add Additional Prosecutor - Police Department	\$162,000
Article 16	Add Additional Firefighters - Fire Department	\$495,000
Article 17	Design & Construct up to 10 Pickleball Courts	\$490,000



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOAN ISSUANCE

In accordance with RSA 33:8-a, 1, notice is hereby given to all residents of the Town of Londonderry, NH, that a public hearing for the purpose of gathering input on the proposed loan of up to \$2,000,000 to partially fund the extension of a Pen-nichuck East Utility public water system water main down the length of High Range Road to the vicinity of Route 102 in order to mitigate PFAS contamination. This public hearing on the bond issue will be held on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Mossed Hill Conference Room, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, N.H.

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Suitcase Project

Londonderry teen, Megan Plaza, will be holding her Suitcase Project drive on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Londonderry High School entrance. Plaza will be collecting gently used suitcases and duffel bags for NH's fostered youth. We will be having raffles and note cards will be provided if a donor wishes to write words of encouragement to put in their suitcase. The goal of The Suitcase Project is to supply every youth in the N.H. foster care system with a suitcase or duffel bag, enabling them to carry their belongings from place to place in a way that provides a greater sense of self-esteem, dignity, and belonging. For more information see the instagram page

@thesuitcaseprojectnh where there is a QR code available for those who would prefer to donate money to go toward storage space for the items. Plaza is the current Miss Stratham's Teen 2024 and a Founder of The Suitcase Project and she hopes to attain 500 suitcases through the groups drives.

Coffee and Blues

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

Craft Time

On Monday, Jan. 8 at 4:30 p.m., kid crafters are invited to the Leach Library to create a shredded paper snowman in the meeting room. Supplies will be provided, and staff will be available to offer

assistance. Registration is required to register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning Jan. 9 and continuing through Feb. 13, Leach Library will offer a story time program 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. from Jan. 9 through Feb. 14, toddlers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

Apple Byte Open Play

On Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 3:30 p.m., teens and tweens are invited to stop by the Leach Library Meeting Room to explore eSports in a non-competitive environment. During this one-hour program, middle and high school students will have the opportunity to play a variety of video games on the Nintendo Switch platform. Registration is required to register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

ESL Conversation Group

Leach Library is partnering with the Nashua Adult Learning Center to offer a free ESL Conversation Group at the Leach library on Wednesday afternoons from Jan. 10 - Feb. 21, from 12:30 - 2:30

p.m. The group is free and open to adults ages 18 and older. Participants will receive free storybooks provided by New Hampshire Humanities. Advance registration is required, please contact M.T. Huard at the Nashua Adult Learning Center, (603) 716-7017, mhuard@nashuaalc.org. Participants will be asked to take a brief initial assessment before the first session.

Crafternoon

Drop in to Crafternoon, a monthly 90-minute meet-up for crafters at the Leach Library on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 4 p.m., bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Space Rangers

On Jan. 11 from 4 - 5 p.m., in the Leach Library Meeting Room. During this one-hour, space-themed program, students age 9-14 will explore different space science topics through hands-on activities and games. This month's focus will be rovers and satellites. Registration is required to register, visit

the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

True Crime Podcast Discussion

On Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. discuss all seven episodes of Bear Brook: Season 1, a case that happened right here in NH at the Leach Library. Registration is open and limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Intro to Paper Quilling

On Saturday, Jan. 13 at noon, join Gariné Arakelian for an introductory workshop on paper quilling at the Leach Library. Adults and teens (ages 13 and up) are invited to make their very own paper quilled heart greeting card. Registration is limited to 20 participants and opens on Saturday, Jan. 6. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Duplo Budding Builders

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Participants will create

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Dec. 25

12:40 a.m. Citation issued during a motor vehicle check, at the Park & Ride - South, on Garden Lane. Jonathan Lajoie, 34, of Hudson, charged with Driving After Revoke/Suspension for Driving Under the Influence.

8:45 a.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite reported on Chase Road.

6:15 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

6:58 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Tuesday, Dec. 26

11:01 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on South Road.

4:31 p.m. Unlawful Activities reported at the Backyard Brewery on Rockingham Road.

5:05 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at Auto Auction of New England, Inc., on Action Boulevard.

8:15 p.m. Three officers investigate a Disturbance on Capitol Hill Drive

Wednesday, Dec. 27

8:11 a.m. Warrant served and an arrest made on Tokanel Drive. Larry Morton, 37, of Londonderry, charged with: Criminal Threatening - Deadly Weapon; Reckless Conduct - Deadly Weapon; Criminal Threatening - Conduct; and Disorderly Conduct.

10:10 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Fletcher Street, Nashua.

Denzel Moss, 28, of Nashua, charged with: Domestic Violence - Criminal Threatening against a person with a Deadly Weapon; and Domestic Violence - Criminal Threatening (Fear of Bodily Injury).

3:30 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Constitution Drive.

7:26 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by four officers at the Wendy's on Nashua Road.

Thursday, Dec. 28

12:23 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Avery Road, at Londonderry Flea Market, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Alexander Corbit, 31, of Hudson, charged with:

Driving Under the Influence (Aggravated, over 30 mph); and Reckless Operation.

9:21 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on South Road.

10:04 a.m. Missing Person investigated on Mammoth Road.

7:01 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Home-goods on Michels Way.

Friday, Dec. 29

10:28 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Buttrick Road.

2:34 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers on Reed Street.

4:52 p.m. Services rendered for a Shooting Complaint on Autumn Lane.

5:34 p.m. Three officers investigate Suspicious Activity on Winding Pond Road.

5:56 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Saturday, Dec. 30

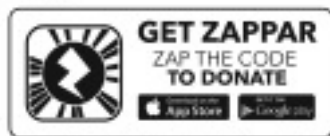
4:27 p.m. Pedestrian Check conducted on Parmenter Road.

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Around Town

Continued from page 13 using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 11. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Building Buddies

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

Tinker Time

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

Snow Ball Party

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m. for a Snow Ball, a fun winter-themed party for children. We'll read a story, play a game, make a snowman

craft, and finish up with a light snack. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, Jan. 17. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Go Native! Native Plants in Landscapes

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. to learn what native plants are and why they are important to add to your landscapes with UNH Extension Master Gardener Jane Raymond! Attendees will learn where to buy natives and how to use them successfully in their new and existing gardens. This program series is sponsored by the Green Team of Londonderry. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 18. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Two more events in this gardening series are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8 and Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Block by Block Coding Club and Maker Lab

On Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 4 - 5 p.m., students in grades 4-8 will be able to explore in a variety of coding exercises and programs including using screen-free coding robots, independent online coding, and other guided activities at the Leach Library. An assortment of art supplies and building materials will also be avail-

able for creative expression open to all participants. This program is open to participants age 9-14. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Jan. 24. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Cookbook Potluck: Everything Chocolate

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m. for a chocolate-themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either "Everything Chocolate" by America's Test Kitchen or "Chocolate is Forever" by Maida Heatter. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration is limited to 15 participants and begins on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Please visit the library's main desk to reserve a recipe and check out a cookbook.

Romance Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "The Bromance Book Club" by Lyssa Kay Adams. Chocolate will be served. Registration opens on Thursday, Jan. 11 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

True Crime Podcast Discussion

On Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Leach Library to discuss all seven episodes of Bear Brook: Season 1, a case that happened right here in NH. Listen to all episodes for free on Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, or at BearBrookPodcast.com. Registration opens on Thursday, Jan. 4 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Republican Meeting

On Thursday, Feb. 2, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at the Long Blue Cat Brew-

ery, 298 Rockingham Rd, Londonderry. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome. They will be discussing upcoming Town and School Board elections. Come and join like minded citizens for a discussion and enjoy a drink in a friendly atmosphere. For more information: <https://LondonderryGOP.org>, www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact Chair Jonathan Esposito at lrc@londonderry-gop.org

Annual Tree Burn

Londonderry Boys Scout Troop 521 will be conducting their annual community Christmas tree burn on Jan. 6 at Moose Hill Orchard behind the Farm Stand on Mammoth Rd. Residents may drop off trees starting at 8 a.m. and until the actual burn which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Donations for the troop will be accepted and refreshments will be available.

Veteran Credit Renewal

Do You Currently Receive A Veteran Credit On Your Property? If you do, it is time to renew. Please come in to Town Hall and go to the assessing department to fill out a renewal form, not able to make it in than call (603) 432-1100 X 135 and we will mail the form to you.

Drop-In Tech Help

Curious about reserving library materials online from home? Want to learn how to access our various databases and digital collections? Looking to get started with Libby and Hoopla? Need help navigating a new device? The Leach Library reference staff has you covered. Starting in September, just stop in any Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon the staff will provide one-on-one assistance tailored to your technology-related needs. For more information no appointment is necessary or to make an appointment for another time, please call the library at (603) 432-1132.

What's New In Concord

All are Welcome to Meet and Talk with Representatives Ronn Dunn and Kristine Perez. Ask questions and let them tell you about Bills affecting Lon-

donderry for the 2024 Session on Jan. 9, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., location down stairs at the Leach Library.

Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Cry-

stal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

OBITUARY

Colonel Thomas Gerard Furlong

Colonel Thomas Gerard Furlong, 78, of Gorham, ME died peacefully at the Maine Veterans' Home in Scarborough, ME, on Dec. 22, 2023 with his beloved wife, Barbara, by his side.

He was born on Jan. 30, 1945 in Norwood, MA, eldest son of Thomas Daniel Furlong & Natalie Clancy Furlong.

As a youth, he served as an altar boy at Saint Catherine of Sienna Church where he also attended grade school. He went on to St. Sebastian's Country Day School in Newton where he furthered his passion for football, hockey, & baseball. Meanwhile, he took great pride in working in his family's business, Furlong's Candies & Ice Cream in Norwood.

He graduated from Providence College in 1966 as a commissioned Marine Corps officer with a bachelor's degree in economics. From there, he trained for one year at the Marine Base in Quantico, VA, before shipping off to Vietnam in 1967. As a 2nd Lieutenant, he led his Battalion through the harrowing shelling and ground attacks at Con Thien, an exposed position also known as a virtual "meat grinder" & "Hell on the Hill of Angels." Many years later he would receive letters from his "boys" thanking him for his bravery & leadership. After Tom's passing it was learned from his Military DD214 report that Tom had earned numerous medals of achievement, including the prestigious Presidential Citation which was only awarded to ten Marine units throughout the entire Vietnam War for extraordinary heroism in combat action. Sargent David Hobbs served with & for Tom and shared that Tom led his troops from the front lines without fear & with great professionalism.

Tom remained in the Marine Corps for 20 years. He served on active duty in Washington D.C. & later rose to the rank of "Colonel" while commanding the base in Weymouth, MA.

Thomas established himself in his civilian career in the transportation industry, thereby earning awards for his distinguished service.

In 1996, he met & married "the love of his life," Barbara Condike-Furlong. They lived in Lakeville, MA before moving to Maine, a cherished place, replete with childhood memories of canoeing adventures with his father.

Tom was a devoted father to his children, James Matthew Furlong & Paige Elizabeth Furlong. He loved his children & grandchildren beyond measure. He & Barbara attended many Marine Corps reunions & grandchildren's ball games. An avid runner, Tom completed several Marine Corps & Boston Marathons.

Beyond his many accomplishments, Tom was best known for being "the nicest guy on earth." He was one tough Marine with a soft touch: humble, compassionate, & extremely polite. If ever there was "An Officer & a Gentleman," Colonel Furlong was it.

Thomas was predeceased, as a young boy, by his brother, Matthew Furlong; his parents Natalie & Thomas Furlong; & his sister, Judith Thistle. In addition to his wife Barbara, he is survived by his son, James Matthew Furlong & his wife Tara; his daughter, Paige Elizabeth Furlong, & her husband Tim Beland; his grandchildren, Lieutenant Jonathan, Matthew, Colleen, & Jordan Furlong; & Kaelyn Beland. He also leaves behind his sisters, Natalie Emerson, Jane Rawley, & Marcia Fowler and many beloved nieces & nephews. "Tommy" will be missed for being the epitome of what a big brother should be. His family will remember him most for having his boots on the ground, & his heart on his sleeve.

Visiting hours will be on Jan. 5 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Roberts & Sons Funeral Home, 30 South St., Foxboro, MA, 02035. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 58 Carpenter Street, Foxboro, MA. A full military burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Norwood, MA.

Contributions to Thomas's memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, Federal Tax ID 13-3039601.

Police Log

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7:24 p.m. Two officers respond to a Pedestrian Check on Colonial Drive, at Wiley Hill Road.

9:10 p.m. Three officers render services for a Welfare Check on Thornton Road.

9:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Priscilla Lane.

Sunday, Dec. 31

12:24 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Adams Road.

3:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity on Norwich Place results in transport to a hospital by

three officers.

3:20 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department at the Exit 4, southbound on-ramp on Route 93.

5:35 p.m. Shoplifting investigated at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive.

6:29 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Sherwood Road.

6:45 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Anthony Drive.

8:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, at Saint Jude's Church on Mammoth Road, leads to an arrest made by two officers. Richard Murray, 35, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.



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