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New Year Burn

Residents gathered at Mack's Apples Farm Stand on Saturday night for the annual Christmas Tree Burn by Scout Troop 521. See more photos page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Londonderry Times Hits Its Silver Anniversary

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

This New Year's celebration marks the 25th anniversary of the Londonderry Times, a publication that has been steadfast in providing weekly coverage to its community at a time when many others have lost their hometown news source.

The Times has not only survived through a number of challenging circumstances, but has also remained under the same ownership for that quarter-century.

Deb and Chris Paul began publishing the newspaper in January 2000. Like the changes in

the community, some positive and some negative, the local newspaper industry has also experienced many shifts over the years.

Since its inception, the Times has faced numerous challenges, including ice storms that devastated the entire state, financial hardships, and a worldwide pandemic and significant health issues to both partners. Despite these obstacles, the Londonderry Times has consistently delivered news free of charge to every home in Londonderry without missing a single unplanned week.

When the couple

started the newspaper, Chris and Deb were relatively new to the area and saw a gap in the community's news coverage. They initially published a monthly paper, which transitioned to a bi-weekly schedule and eventually to a weekly publication in order to keep residents informed about local happenings in their growing community. Neither Deb nor Chris had a journalism background; rather, they aimed to keep the community updated. Deb brought a sales and marketing background, while Chris had experience in graphic design

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Resident Questions Status of Citizens Petition Warrant Articles

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Dec. 16 Londonderry Town Council meeting, during the public input portion, a concern was raised in regards to various citizens petition warrant articles that were voted on last March, but had never been acted on.

The various citizens petition warrant articles had overwhelming support by voters in the community, despite being amended to be advisory warrant articles, meaning there is no obligation for the Town to implement them.

Resident Glenn Douglas explained that one of the warrant articles was to change the Planning Board from an appointed Board to an elected one. The warrant article had 2,686 voters in support and 1,430 voters against it.

Another warrant article was to have public input at both the beginning and at the end of any public meeting for the Town's committees, and boards.

Douglas noted that not everyone is doing that, despite the warrant article passing 3,085 to 1,077.

As of several months

later, three boards have complied with what was advisory, six boards have one public comment session, and 13 boards or committees have absolutely no public comment, Douglas said during the meeting.

Warrant Article 19 asked voters if they supported having public

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Ex Police Chief Discusses Town Manager Position With Council

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Just before the end of 2024, the Londonderry Town Council held a non-public meeting regarding open positions in Town, specifically the vacant Town Manager position.

According to draft minutes, posted on the Town's website, the meeting took place on Dec. 27, with Human Resources Director Tara Koza, Attorney Liz Bailey, and former Londonderry Police Chief, and current United States

Marshal William Hart present, along with members of the Town Council.

"The members met with Mr. Hart to discuss employment opportunities," the draft minutes stated." Hart shared

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Times Anniversary

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and advertising. Together, they worked week-ends to produce each issue.

The publication began during a particularly divided period in the town, as citizen groups were mobilizing against the Granite Ridge power plant, then known as AES. Interestingly, a number of citizens believed the newspaper was being financially supported by the owners of the power plant, which was never the case.

Publisher Deb Paul recollects, "We ran a few informational ads at the time that were being paid for by the pipeline

company, I guess that's where that rumor started."

She added, "It was a very different time back then, the town had a much more rural feel and the industry was just getting up to speed on the digital era."

Initially, the files for each issue had to be driven to Concord on Sunday nights for printing by the Concord Monitor, with distribution on Wednesdays. Although the Times has changed printers a few times to reduce costs, it now continues to be printed by the Monitor.

By 2004, when the paper began being published weekly, it was

time to move out of their home and into an office. This led to the creation of Nutfield Publishing, originally located near the airport on Harvey Road.

During that period, they launched another publication, The Nutfield News, which covered the towns of Derry and Auburn. Two years later, the Tri-Town Times was established to provide news to Chester, Sandown, and Hampstead.

Unfortunately, at the end of 2022, due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nutfield News and Tri-Town Times ceased to be published.

However, in November of 2023, Nutfield Publishing expanded

into Hudson with The Hudson Times, another weekly newspaper that serves the community by providing local news.

These publications would never have existed without the support of local businesses and their advertising. Deb Paul expressed her gratitude, saying, "We've had a lot of advertising support throughout the years, and to all of those businesses, I can't thank you enough. It's through

their support we've been able to survive."

Paul also said, "I see our biggest challenge throughout the years has been combating our competitors, we filled a niche that no publisher seemed to care about until we started the Times. Suddenly we were viewed as a threat to their revenue."

Deb also emphasized, "In the end, this paper is about keeping people informed about

what's going on in their community. We've seen a trend toward social media for news; however, more often than not, that news is opinion-based. My goal is to present the news without bias and just keep people informed."

As the Londonderry Times looks forward to the next quarter-century, we hope that support continues and that residents appreciate our efforts.

Manager

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information regarding his background during his employment with the Town of Londonderry as well as his current position as a U.S. Marshal.

The Council discussed Hart's qualifications. Subject matter included:

- Hart's understanding of the Town Manager role.
- How to best work with department heads.
- His previous time spent as the Acting Town Manager.

Londonderry is currently without a permanent Town Manager after Mike Malaguti resigned in November. In December, Recreation Director Art Psaedas was named Acting Town Manager for up to 120 days.

Also according to the draft minutes, "The Council gave Hart the opportunity to ask questions of them."

"Questions were posed on the following subjects:

- What the Council sees as the biggest issues faced for the Town Council in terms of the Town Manager role at this time.

- The timing of the current Acting Town Manager's term.

- The Council discussed the importance of establishing the Town's reputation within the state.

- The Council also highlighted the issues of responsible growth and development, housing and traffic management."

According to the U.S Marshals Service website, Hart began his career as a prosecutor with the Londonderry Police Department, before being elected County Attorney for Rockingham County in 1994 serving two terms.

In 2000 he went back to Londonderry serving as Services Captain until 2009 before becoming police chief after Joe Ryan retired. Hart served as chief until August, 2022, when he retired.

"Marshal Hart also served as a District Court prosecutor on a part time basis for several New Hampshire communities over the years including Stratham Police Department, Kensington Police Department, Deerfield Police Department, and the Nottingham Police Department," Hart's biography states. "Marshal Hart also served as vice chairman for the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council and as a Trustee for the New Hampshire Retirement System."

Hart served in the dual roles of Interim Town Manager and Police Chief for Londonderry after the sudden departure of Dave Caron and before Kevin Smith was hired. At the time, Caron cited personal reasons, but later became the Town Administrator in Derry.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the Town Manager job position was posted. It states that the job will pay between \$150,000 to \$180,000.

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Town Council Presented With Winter Emergency Operations Plan

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council received a presentation from Director of Public Works Dave Wholley regarding the Winter Emergency Operations Plan for the year.

“It is our time of the year when we’re front and center and most visible to the public, so this is our annual plow plan we roll out,” Wholley said during the meeting.

Going into this winter

Wholley said that they are currently down two personnel, with one full-time position they still have a vacancy for that they haven’t been able to fulfill and one employee who is out on deployment.

One of the biggest parts of the budget for winter is salt, which Wholley said is purchased from two low bid suppliers.

“The Town strives, as is possible, to keep the salt shed as close to full

as possible. The salt stock is replenished after each storm when possible,” Wholley wrote. “The amount the Town budgets for salt each year varies depending upon economic, political, and other factors. The amount of salt used per year varies from year to year. The Town averages using 3,900 tons of salt per year. Currently for the 2024-2025 season we have two low bids of \$74.90/ton and

\$75.90/ton.”

The total cost for FY 24 was \$296,010, with it being budgeted at \$290,000.

“We are pretty much well budgeted where we should be,” Wholley said.

One of the biggest increases Wholley stated is for sand.

“We went up \$3 a ton for sand,” Wholley explained that sand is purchased by the Town on an annual basis and stockpiled at the Town Garage.

“The amount of sand used for winter varies from year to year,” per Wholley. “The amount the Town budgets for sand each year varies depending upon economic, political, and

other factors. At present the Town averages using 3400 tons of sand per year. Currently for the 2024- 2025 season we have a low bid of \$21.50/ton delivered to our facility.

The total budget was \$30,000 for FY 24, with the total cost being \$73,100.

Wholley explained that despite having less plowing, they still have to pay for things like salting, saying that they have more down out weather events, and they need to pay for supplies like salt and sand.

“The cost of everything is going up,” Wholley said.

Wholley also reminded the public about parking during the win-

ter.

“The Town has enacted a winter parking ban effective from November 1st to April 1st of each year,” Wholley wrote. “This ban prohibits parking on the Town’s roads or right-of-way (ROW) between the hours of 12 midnight and 8 a.m. or at any other time in such a manner as to impede snow removal operations. The Town has the right to tow or ticket violators. The purpose of this winter parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control routes, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts.”

Articles

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meetings at a time best for the general population which voters supported 3,125 to 1,017.

Warrant Article 20 asked voters if they supported having all public boards and committee meetings recorded for the Town.

Douglas noted that not every board and committee are recording the meetings as of now.

“We are doing much, much better on this but there are still meetings that are not being recorded or in one case the microphones were shut off so the meeting was recorded but it didn’t really do much” Douglas said during the meeting.

Warrant Article 22 asked voters if they supported making the Budget Committee no longer an advisory committee.

Voters supported the warrant article on a 2,427 to 1,621 vote.

Douglas explained that the deadline to submit warrant articles is

coming up.

“We’re coming up to the deadline to do citizens petitions,” Douglas said, explaining that he sent an email to the Town Council on Dec. 4, asking if they were going to be moving forward with any of the citizens petition warrant articles that had passed during the 2024 election.

Douglas said that he didn’t receive a response from any of the Town Councilors, and said that there has been almost nothing done in terms of the warrant articles.

“A lot of people voted for this stuff, and really nothing has happened,” Douglas said.

OBITUARY

Ashley Brittany Barberian



Ashley Brittany Barberian, 39, of Londonderry, NH passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024. Ashley was born on Feb. 20, 1985. Ashley attended Londonderry schools throughout her life.

Ashley had three children that she loved more than anything. Hailey, Hunter and Kyliah were the light of her life. She dedicated her time to loving and caring for them. Mom, was by far Ashley’s favorite role in life and one in which she took great pride. Ashley loved Christmas, animals and making everyone laugh through her infectious sense of humor. Ashley was predeceased by her Mother, Doreen Barberian on Dec. 31, 2022. In addition to her beloved children she is survived by many friends, loved ones and extended family. There will be no formal services but all are encouraged to donate to a charity in Ashley’s name for she was full of love and kindness. She would be honored to help others in need through her memory.



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Editorial

Celebrating a Milestone - 25 Years

Twenty-five years ago, a vision to create a way for Londonderry residents to obtain local information led to the first issue of the Londonderry Times.

What began 25-years ago in the basement of the home of Chris and Deb Paul was a vision to create a way for residents to obtain local information and educate them on issues that led to the first issue of the Londonderry Times. Never losing touch with our roots or our mission to help the community stay informed about local happenings, support any causes that need attention, an unwavering commitment to focus on truth, and everything local.

Newspapers across the state are experiencing cutbacks to stay afloat, us included, and some have had to close, and all of this is disheartening for democracy and government accountability. The good news is the Londonderry Times, the flagship publication of Nutfield Publishing, LLC, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this week. Additionally, we are also proud to announce our newest addition, The Hudson Times, has completed its first year.

Our readers depend on us for accurate and truthful information that is presented in digestible bites, helping to build a stronger sense of civicenssand community.

As the saying goes, "With great power comes great responsibility". We educate citizens about what is happening in their towns and encourage them to get involved and take

action. This is no easy task to accomplish without taking a side just the facts, driven by our passion for community service. This commitment has often translated into meaningful actions, as residents have responded to stories about local issues and have stepped up to fill gaps in services.

As time passes, fewer people are aware of town events; participation dwindles, and apathy sets in. Many do not realize the value of a community newspaper until it is gone. The bottom line, of course, is providing a place for local residents to obtain the information they need about their community non-intrusively, whether it's a school play or an update on how tax dollars are being spent the same as it was 25-years ago when we started. What's going on in Concord or Washington, D.C., or abroad is available elsewhere, mostly online, but if it happens in one of our towns, you should expect to read about it in our newspapers, the heart of the town.

We hope you will continue to be part of the community connection we have forged between the Londonderry Times and Hudson Times and their readers. As we move forward into our next 25 years, we are excited to be a part of your life and the community.

We always like getting letters, and news tips, and give us a call or send us an email, we love hearing from you after all we're here for you. There is no other place we would rather be than right here at home, bringing you the news from the place you call your own!

Letters

Residents Need Real Tax Cuts

To the editor,

After reading an article in the paper that the "powers that be" were going to try and cut \$100,000 from the budget, I did a small calculation and realized it would save me \$5-6 dollars on my next year's taxes. Whoopi. Maybe I can celebrate with coffee and a doughnut.

So I looked on-line at the Budget Book, got to page 22 (of 150) and think I could reduce the amount of money to be raised by taxes by \$1,000,000. Seemed like a better plan. Reduce my tax bill by \$50 or \$60. Could celebrate with a nice dinner.

While estimating income and expenses six months in advance of the fact is rather a crap shoot, it would seem that revenues have been under-estimated for a few years which leads to more tax dollars to be raised.

So hoping someone will look at this as, budget less revenues = the amount to be raised by taxes.

Nice dinner anyone or coffee and doughnuts?

Betsy McKinney
Londonderry

Fire Union Reaches Out to Citizens

To the editor,

We, the Professional Firefighters of Londonderry Local 3160, want to address recent misconceptions about our efforts to achieve proper staffing levels. It is troubling to hear claims from some town officials

and even former members of our organization that our concerns are driven by overtime or pension benefits. These narratives are not only misleading but also undermine the trust we work hard to maintain with the public and our colleagues.

Let us be clear: this is not about personal gain. Our focus is ensuring the safety of Londonderry's citizens and the firefighters who serve them. Adequate staffing is essential to providing the high-quality emergency services our community expects and deserves.

In March, the citizens of Londonderry overwhelmingly supported a mandate for the Town Council to staff 13 firefighters per shift, 24/7. This mandate reflects the community's understanding of the critical role staffing plays in public safety. Despite this clear directive, the Town Council has not fully implemented the voters' will. This inaction is why Local 3160 continues to advocate - not for ourselves, but for the safety of Londonderry's families and the effectiveness of our department.

While staffing 13 firefighters per shift is an improvement, it still falls below the standards set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). We are working to balance our requests with the financial realities faced by the town, but the current staffing level leaves both the public and our firefighters at greater risk.

When staffing is insufficient, response times increase, operational

efficiency declines, and safety risks grow for everyone involved. Whether responding to a house fire, a medical emergency, or a hazardous incident, having the right number of trained professionals on scene can mean the difference between a successful outcome and a preventable tragedy.

Hearing misinformation from those who should understand the complexities of our profession is disappointing. Our advocacy is not about financial benefits—it is about ensuring we have the tools and resources to do our jobs safely and effectively. Every member of this department is deeply committed to the community and takes pride in serving Londonderry with courage and professionalism.

We ask for your continued trust and support as we work to ensure a safer future for everyone. Together, we can hold our town leaders accountable to the mandate you approved and prioritize the well-being of Londonderry's residents and first responders alike."

Sincerely,
Christopher A.
Schofield
President, Local 3160

We Need NATO

To the editor,

President Trump casually and unintentionally threatened the security of the world, including the United States, when he talked about NATO countries not meeting the guideline of 2% of GDP for defense.

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Estey's Country Store Sets Overstock and Dropoffs Ablaze



Tom Estey invited residents to the Estey's Country Store on Friday night, Jan. 3, for the store's fourth annual Tree Burn. He invited friends, customers, and residents to bring a tree or just stop by for a bonfire, s'mores, hot chocolate, and some good company. *Photos by Chris Paul and Ray Breslin*



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Town Council Okays Items for Remaining ARPA Funds

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Dec. 16 Londonderry Town Council meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to two requests to use funds from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund.

It was explained by Director of Public Works Dave Wholley that they were looking to allocate up to \$17,000 to pay for contractors to plow and sand town owned facilities during the winter.

He explained that if they were to spend all of the funds that they would then go back to the Town Council to ask for the second half of the disbursement. If any funds aren't used it would go back to the fund, Wholley said. "It's worked out fairly well"

The Town Council was also presented with a proposal to expend \$6,337.87 to repair a sprinkler system at

Town Hall that had an emergency repair in November.

On a unanimous vote, the Town Council approved the requests during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, the Town Council was presented with a number of proposals for the Town's remaining American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

It was explained by Finance Director Justin Campo, that there were some items they discussed previously, but it was unclear if they were officially approved based on meeting minutes.

"There's a couple of items I'm just looking to essentially formalize that have already been approved," Campo said.

One of the items was \$70,000 for police tasers that was previously approved in June.

Another item was for thermal imaging cameras for \$119,000, and

another \$2 million was for the High Range Road water extension project.

The items were officially approved during the meeting.

One of the new items was for \$28,832 for the COAP detective vehicle, with Campo saying it is a Toyota Camry Hybrid, and will get good mileage which is important due to the amount of traveling that is needed at times.

Another item was for about \$52,000 to purchase a cruiser and what is needed for it, for the police department.

Another request for the ARPA funds was for about \$7,900 to replace eight picnic tables for the Recreation Department.

Campo explained that the tables are deteriorating and that they are looking to replace them.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn asked about the

cost of the tables.

"Can I ask why a picnic table costs \$1,000," Dunn asked during the meeting.

Acting Town Manager Art Psaedas said that they are safer tables, and don't have any maintenance, explaining that they would be ADA compliant.

He also explained that currently they are spending time and money on replacing them.

Another request was for the Public Works Department to spend \$9,999 to replace an aging plotter.

There was also a request for \$12,060 to purchase equipment needed for the fire department instead of using capital reserve funds.

It was proposed to use the remaining \$34,442 to purchase sand and replace its reserves due to the

increased cost of sand. The Town Council approved all of the funding requests.

OBITUARY

Mary Ann Boldeia



Mary Ann Boldeia, 82, of Londonderry, NH, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024 at High Pointe House Hospice in Haverhill, MA. She was born on Oct. 9, 1942 in Lowell, MA, a daughter of the late John and Anna (Kyriazos) Flemings. Mary Ann was a graduate of Tewksbury State Hospital Nursing School in Tewksbury, MA and worked as an LPN for two years at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lowell. Mary Ann later worked as a solderer for Honeywell. After a move to Londonderry, NH in 1979, Mary Ann joined Digital Equipment Corporation where she worked as an assembler and tester of printed circuit boards. Due to the company's reorganization, Mary Ann attended secretarial school and worked for an engineering group in Littleton, MA as a secretary. To be closer to home, Mary Ann joined Martel Electronics in Windham, NH where she worked until she retired.

Mary Ann was a communicant of St. Mark's Church where she served on the Bereavement Committee. Mary Ann often contributed cookie trays, fruit salads, and her famous carrot cakes. When she retired, she loved spending winters with her husband Sam in Blue Skys Co-Op Community in Naples, Florida where she was well loved by the residents. Mary Ann enjoyed riding her bike around the park, attending Bingo nights, and taking an occasional trip with friends to the casino in Immokalee. Mary Ann was best known for putting smiles on many faces because of the cards she would send to Blue Skys residents. She remembered birthdays, anniversaries and sent cheerful get well notes to those in need.

The most important aspect of Mary Ann's life was her family. She shared 61 years of marriage with her husband and loved to travel with him. Mary Ann cherished her time with all four of her grandchildren. She loved celebrating every holiday and family milestone because it was a reason for her family to be together.

Mary Ann is survived by her beloved husband, Sam Boldeia of Londonderry; her daughter, Kelly Giguere of Londonderry; her son, Joseph Boldeia and his wife Belinda of Bedford, NH; four grandchildren, Faith Mayer, Abby Giguere, Sam Boldeia and Max Boldeia; her brother, Lennie Flemings of Hampton, NH; as well as several nieces and nephews and her best friend of 75 years, Nancy Lee Manseau of Ware, MA. Mary Ann was predeceased by her brother, John Flemings, Jr. in 2015, and her sister, Charlene Pires in 2023.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Jan. 3 in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 4 in St. Mark's Church, One South Rd., Londonderry. The family would like to thank Dr. Kad and the third-floor nursing staff at Parkland Medical Center as well as the care team at High Pointe House Hospice for their compassionate care of Mary Ann and for the support they provided the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation (nationalbreastcancer.org) or a charity of one's choice. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Letters

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On Feb. 12, 2024 a leader of a NATO country said to Trump "Well sir, if we don't pay, and

we're attacked by Russia - will you protect us?" Trump said: "You didn't pay? You're delinquent? No, I would not protect you. In fact, I would encourage them to do

whatever the hell they want. You gotta pay."

Although this remark is probably a negotiating ploy by President Trump it might encourage Russia to continue the war in Ukraine, and if it defeats Ukraine, continue on and attack NATO countries. We should continue to provide military equipment and supplies to Ukraine.

The United States is a member of NATO, and by a treaty strengthened by Congress, required to

come to the aid of any NATO country attacked by Russia. This would precipitate WWII.

We need all of our leaders to understand the geopolitical status of the world. President Trump should stick with his sound policies, which are essentially quite good, and refrain from making provocative statements about international matters.

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Solid Waste Subcommittee Visits Waste Management Facility

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met on Dec. 3 to discuss matters related to solid waste, including the results of the Committee's last waste oil collection day.

"The members of our household waste collection team got somewhere near 300 gallons worth of waste oil, which is more than I've seen on a single day, so that was impressive," said John Mahon, head of the sewer and solid waste subcommittee. "Even despite the weather on that Saturday, it was a successful collection."

Noting members of the Utilities Committee were often older residents, Mahon asked any residents interested in volunteering for future waste oil collection events to contact him or Committee Chair Lynn Wiles for information.

Recently, Mahon and several other town officials toured Billerica's Waste Management Maintenance Recovery Facility.

"It was very interesting. It became obvious they'd done a lot of upgrading in this facility in that last year. It's a huge facility, it's the old Boston Globe printing plant down there that

they've converted over," he said, adding that he was particularly impressed by the plant's high level of automation. "All the technology like optical scanners were used to sort cans, from bottles, from cardboard, etcetera, it was amazing. Very difficult environment for human beings to work in, and it was incredibly loud."

During the tour, he observed how certain non-recyclable items, such as food and plastic bags, could easily disrupt the automated recycling process.

"No bicycles and no barbells," said Alternate Ray Breslin.

When visiting the facility, Breslin was amazed at how many people tried recycling large, heavy, or potentially hazardous metal items when moving out of a home or apartment.

"Maybe one of the objectives of the relatively dormant sewer and solid waste subcommittee could be to get some of that recycling, solid waste education going," said Mahon. "Every time I talk to someone in that business, I learn something."

"Do you think the recycling tour guy would be open to doing an interview?" asked Committee member Jeff

McGraw.

Mahon did not think the Billerica plant manager would be the right person for an interview, but was open to finding someone else and saw it as a great first step towards an education-oriented strategy.

The subcommittee also found a waste oil grant to help fund some of its activities.

"It's about \$2,500 to work on our little waste recovery building behind the Fire Station," said Mahon. "We've had several issues, the first being its x number of years old now and it needs to be cleaned. Beyond that, there's a

dam there in case the oil leaks to keep it from spilling into the parking lot."

He worried people looking to recycle their oil could trip when stepping over that barrier. The subcommittee would use grant money to install a ramp. Waste oil collected at the rear of the Central Fire Station is used to heat the town's Highway Garage.

"They have a specific furnace that uses the waste oil," said Wiles.

The next meeting of the Utilities Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 7, on the first floor of the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

Senior Resources Committee Looks into Changing Tax Exemptions

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Senior Resources Committee closed its final meeting of 2024 with a discussion on property tax exceptions for elderly residents. Currently, the town of Londonderry offers limited exceptions based on property valuation, the age of a resident, and income level. For example, a 65-year-old resident who qualifies can reduce the total assessed value of their home by \$175,000. The amount rises as a resident gets older.

Chair John Green wanted to compare Londonderry with other NH towns to see what more extensive tax exemption models would benefit Londonderry.

"Windham's elderly exemption, when you get 80 years old, goes to the full value of your home. For us, when you're 80 or above, it goes up to \$300,000," said Green, who suggested bringing the topic before the Town Assessor to see whether it would be feasible to have a similar exemption for Londonderry. "To the extent possible, particularly with the way property values are increasing, I would like to see if we couldn't do more to raise that to keep people in town."

Considering the ongoing push to reduce spending during the budget season, Green wanted to know the financial impact of such a broad exemption.

After attending a recent presentation from the NH Commission on Aging, Committee member John Wison agreed with the need for local action related to more accessible housing.

"It was not an encouraging presentation," he admitted. "To be frank with you, two years ago I went to a similar meeting and

there was no progressing being made, things just got worse."

With the end of the year coming up, the Chair wanted to outline the Senior Resource Committee's goals for 2025, starting with a plan to get in communication with significant players in and around Londonderry.

"I'd like to hear from community caregivers, because I think they have so much to offer," said Green. "We should think about organiza-

tions we want to hear from."

Committee members noted that they used to have groups come to their meetings for in-person presentations, something they wanted to see brought back.

"There's another organization called the Alliance for Healthy Aging, I think they're tied into UNH, but they have an excellent presentation on reframing aging," said Wilson. "It's basically how to combat agism. It's almost like teaching

people how to react. I doubt they'd do that presentation for nine people, but they might do it for all the town employees."

The Committee agreed to contact Town Hall, the Library, or the Senior Center to possibly organize a larger event with the Alliance. Green mentioned organizing meet-ups with larger organizations like the AARP or statewide agencies aimed at helping elderly residents age in place.

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Scouts Hold Annual Tree Burn at Mack's Apples Farm Stand



Londonderry Scout Troop 521 held their annual Christmas Tree Burn fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 4 with well over 200 trees being dropped off for the annual spectacle which was set ablaze under the night sky. The fire lasted for over an hour and kept many of the attendees quite warm on a freezing cold night. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Girls' Basketball Get Big 63-35 Win Over BG

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Basketball squad posted their third straight double-digit win to start the new year.

The Lancers took on the Bishop Guertin Cardinals on Friday night, Jan. 3, at home and

served up a 63-35 victory to remain undefeated in the division as they begin the new season.

Heading into the contest with BG, the Lancers finished out 2024 with a 55-point victory over Winnacunnet and a 13-point win over the Exeter Blue Hawks.

The Cardinals were

looking for their second win of the season heading into the night, but the lopsided defeat put them at 1-2 on the young season.

Londonderry was able to keep the Cardinals in single digit scoring for three of the four quarters and were able to double the BG scoring in each of the first three periods.

The Lancers led 17-7 at the end of one and went ahead 32-14 by halftime.

Coming out of the break, LHS outscored their opponents 17-9 in the third and 14-12 in the final period.

This was not the Bishop Guertin team opponents have been used to seeing over the past decade. Since 2012, under the leadership of Brad Kriek, the Cardinals had won eight Division I State Championships.

Londonderry junior guard/forward Sammy Sullivan led her team in scoring with 20-points.

Sullivan, who is closing in on 1,000 career points, had two, three-pointers, four for two and went 6-8 at the foul

line.

Senior guard Brooke Eacrett also had a good night, scoring 19-points in the victory. Eacrett put in three, three-pointers, had three inside the arc and was 4-4 in free-throws.

Sophomore guard Gemma Murray also put in a double-digit total with 13-points. Murray scored a three-pointer, went 2-2 at the line and put in four other shots. Senior guards Mia Giampa and Talia Iorio each drained a three-pointer in the game.

Londonderry has just one game scheduled for this week, the team will head to Salem High School on Friday night, Jan. 10, to take on the 4-0 Lady Blue Devils.



Londonderry junior Sammy Sullivan is closing in on 1,000 points, adding 20-points against BG.



Senior Brooke Eacrett had 19-points in the Lancers win over BG. Photos by Chris Paul

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Jaguars Get by Lancers 1-0 With Second Period Goal

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team faced a

division rival over the weekend and after three tight period of play, left the ice with their first loss of the young sea-

son.

The Lancers come into the season in uncharted waters, being the defending state champs for the first time in the team's history. After winning their first game of the young season 5-1 over Nashua North-Souhegan, they were tasked to take on the Windham Jaguars, a team they defeated in their final game of last season to come away with Division I state title.

Londonderry headed to the Icenter in Salem on Saturday night, Jan. 4, where they lost 1-0 on what looked to be a fluke goal in the second period.

The venue drew a large contingent of fans on both sides of the ice and was a hard hitting

contest.

Midway through the second period, shortly after giving Londonderry two power-plays, the Jaguars score the only goal of the game after the puck took a bad bounce on a dump in by Windham.

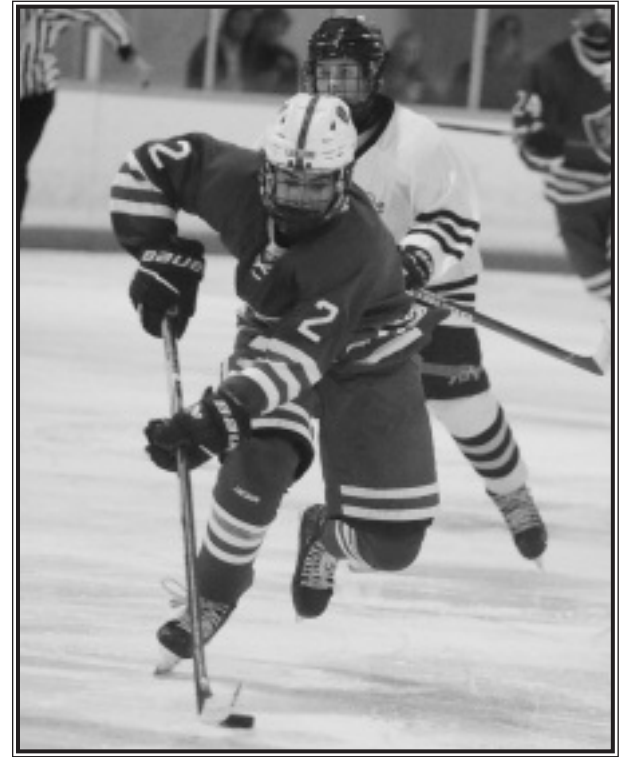
Overall, Londonderry's Justin Doyle made 15-saves in goal for LHS.

The LHS offense had 16-shots on the Jaguars tender.

Before the holiday break, Londonderry's 5-1 win over North-Souhegan senior forward Brett McKinnon scored four of the five goals and Mason Nadeau had the fifth.

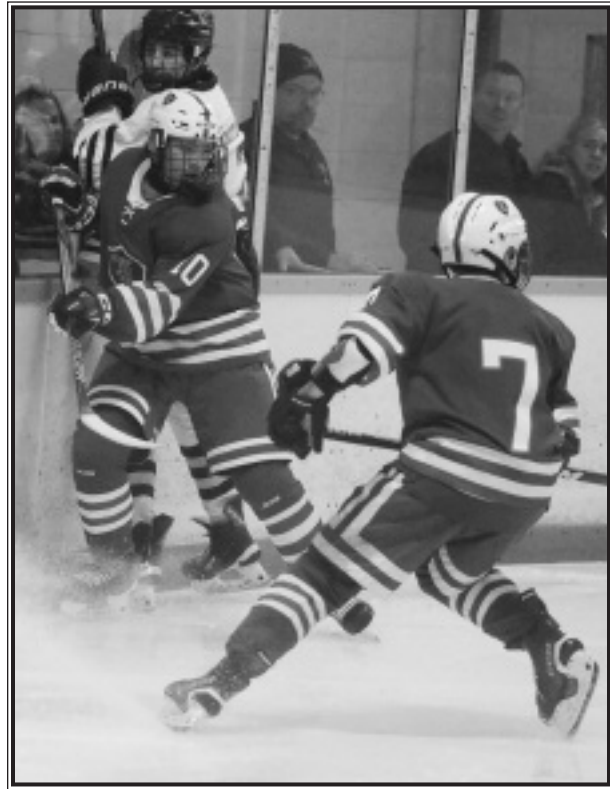
Assists went to Gavin Karoul (3), Liam Knight (1), McKinnon (1) and Tyler Rushton (1).

The Lancers are scheduled for a game in



Lancer forward Gavin Karoul has a break away during the loss against Windham.

Keene next Saturday, Blackbirds (2-1) at 6:10 p.m. Jan. 11, to take on the



Mason Nadeau pins a Jaguar defender into the boards in the second period. Photos by Chris Paul

Lancer Boys' Basketball Fall to MHS

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Basketball squad fell to 2-2 coming out of the holiday break, fall 55-62 at Merrimack High School.

The Lancers had wins over Winnacunnet and Manchester Memorial to end 2024 with a 2-1 record, but the trip across the Merrimack River on Friday night,

Jan. 3, wasn't a very productive one, as their scoring never got on track and the Tomahawks got by with a seven-point victory.

Londonderry had 12-points in the first quarter, eight in the second for a 20-point half leading to the defeat.

The Lancers came back a bit in the second half, but 35-points wasn't enough to get by their opponents.

For the fourth-straight game, senior forward Mason Paquette, led the LHS squad in scoring. Paquette finished with 17-points, getting one three-pointer, six baskets from inside the arc and went two-for-two at the foul line.

Fellow senior forward, Matt Luongo, also had a double-digit night, getting two, three-pointers and five buckets.

Senior guards Cam

Madden finished with seven, and Kiet Totten had three shots go in for six-points.

Londonderry has two home games scheduled for this week, the Lancers faced the Spaulding Red Raiders on Tuesday, Jan. 7, followed by a meeting with the Salem Blue Devils on Friday night, Jan. 10, starting at 7 p.m.

Both of those teams started the week at 1-3.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following item:

Public Hearing on an application for the Londonderry Commercial Industrial Property Tax Incentive Program for the new construction of approximately 180,000+/- square feet of high-tech industrial manufacturing. The subject property is located at 6 Akira Way. Tax Map/Lot: 028-031-006. Kenneth S. Solinsky (Londonderry Holdings, LLC), Applicant.

The public hearing will occur on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, at 7 P.M., at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

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Pento Jr. Notches Over 150-Wins for Lancers Wrestling



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team was busy over the holiday break and on the first week of the new-year, but senior standout David Pento, Jr. was the only member seeing much success.

Pento was able to string together ten more wins, all by either a technical fall or a pin, in the two tournaments and one duel meet.

Londonderry ended the year of 2024 by traveling to Maine, taking the mats at the annual Noble Invitational at Noble High School in North Berwick, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28.

In the coed division, Londonderry placed 27th in the 46-team field.

Pento was the only place winner for the Lancers in the tournament. He went 5-0 to

claim the 175-pound crown with his championship match being his 150th career wins.

Sophomore Caleb Holden went 3-2 in his 150-lbs. matches.

Coming out of the holiday break, Londonderry faced Timberlane Regional High School in Londonderry on Thursday, Jan. 2, where the team had just one victory in a 72-4 loss against the longstanding powerhouse.

Pento got victory number 151 over Steven Fatout at 175-pounds with a 19-4 technical fall at 4:02 in the match.

Last weekend on Saturday, Jan. 4, Londonderry competed at the Bruce Rich Invitational in Chelmsford, Mass., where they took 17th in a 20-team field.

Once again, Pento was the lone placer winning the tournament,

winning all four of his 175-lb. matches with two pins and two technical falls.

Londonderry was scheduled to wrestle the Crimson Tide of Concord

in the state capital on Wednesday night and then compete in a quad-meet against Souhegan, ConVal, and Bow at Bow High School on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Senior Lancer, David Pento, Jr. eclipsed 150 career wins and went 10-0 over a two week stretch. Photo by Chris Paul

LHS Track & Field Have Top Finishers at UNH

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Indoor Track and Field team competed in the NHWTL meet on Sunday Jan. 5 at the University of New Hampshire and had a number of winners at that event. Event Winners:

In the Boys 55 meter, senior Griffin Massahos finished in first with a time of 6.77.

Massahos also finished in first place in the Boys 300-meter

In the Girls 1,500 Meter Lancers senior runner Sayde White finished with a time of 5:24.90 for first.

In the Boys 1,500-

Meter, junior Josh Twomey finished with a time of 4:13.78 for first.

In the Boys 4x160-Meter Relay Race the Londonderry team of junior, Lucas Palma, Massahos, senior Luc Gaudet and senior Chase Burris took first place with a time of 1:18.81

Burris also contributed to his team with a win in the Boys Long Jump. The LHS senior had a jump of 21' 10" for the win.

The team also had a number of second and third place finishes in the Sunday afternoon event.

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	Town Manager	\$786,777
	Budget Committee	\$100
	Town Clerk	\$601,809
	Finance & Administration	\$726,058
	Assessing	\$441,646
	Information Technology	\$775,498
	Legal	\$200,000
	General Government	\$563,916
	Cemetery	\$42,540
	Insurance	\$6,000,383
	Conservation	\$3,500
	Police Dept.	\$11,733,914
	Fire Dept	\$9,919,030
	Building Dept.	\$448,245
	Public Works Dept.	\$5,178,020
	Solid Waste	\$2,954,529
	General Assistance	\$148,000
	Cable	\$272,890
	Recreation	\$273,215
	Library	\$1,567,657
	Senior Affairs	\$117,422
	Community Development (Planning)	\$390,035
	Debt Service	\$1,329,550
	Total General Fund Operating Budget	\$44,467,849
	Enterprise Fund Operating Budget- Sewer	\$5,868,089
	Total Operating Budget	\$50,335,938
Article 3	Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund	\$200,000
Article 4	Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund	\$650,000
Article 5	Establish Capital Reserve Fund - Police Equipment	\$100,000
Article 6	Capital Reserve - Fire Department Trucks	\$300,000
Article 7	Capital Reserve - Fire Department Equipment	\$75,000
Article 8	Capital Reserve - Information Technology	\$100,000
Article 9	Capital Reserve - Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion	\$75,000
Article 10	Capital Reserve - Master Plan	\$50,000
Article 11	Capital Reserve - Recreation	\$20,000
Article 12	Capital Reserve - Cable Equipment	\$32,500
Article 13	DPW Vehicles - 6-Wheeler, Utility Truck, Boom Flail Apparatus - Lease (Finance - Up to 10 Years) (Total of vehicles/equipment \$520,000)	\$70,607
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Article 15	Police Body Worn Cameras	\$246,629
Article 16	Collective Bargaining Agreement - LEEA (Currently Negotiating)	
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Article 21	Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost items	
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Article 25	Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost items	
Article 26	Two Additional Police Officers - Traffic Unit	\$375,017
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Londonderry Gymnasts See Success in Salem Meets

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team didn't get much of a break over the holiday season, but put their time to good use with two more team wins, making it three consecutive first-place

victories to start the winter sports season.

The Lancers team is led by four coaches this year; Terrienne Archer, Mike O'Donnell, Emily Panacopoulos and Elyse Lecain. The team has also taken on Campbell and Alvirne High Schools as independent

gymnasts this year.

On Sunday, Jan. 5, the LHS squad competed at A2 Gym & Cheer hosted by the Pelham High School Pythons. In that meet the LHS team took first place with a total score of 134.5; Pelham scored a 106.75 and Hollis-Brookline scored

a 100.1.

Top Londonderry gymnasts were:

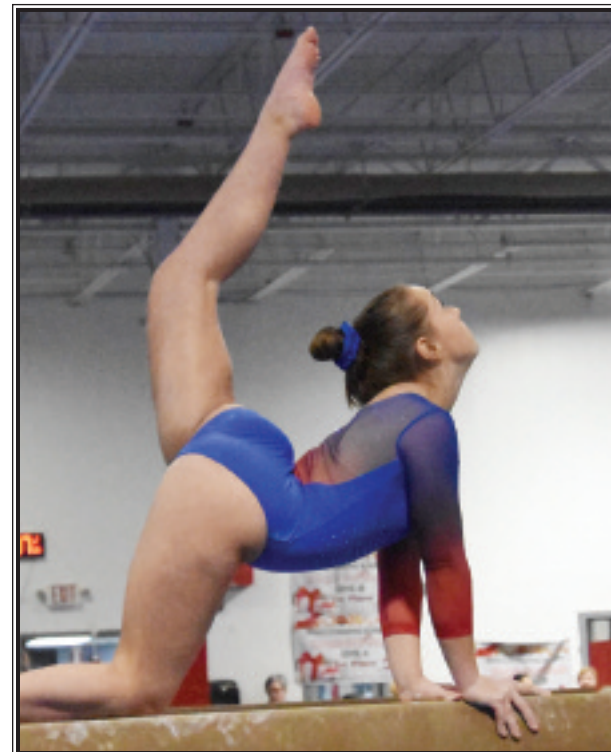
In Vault, Cailee Anderson had a 9.0 for first in that event. Gabby Nadeau took third with a score of 8.8.

On Bars, Anderson had an 8.5 to finish in second place. Hannah Linscott scored 8.0 and took third.

On Beam: Anderson had a 9.0 for first; Captain Faith Carrier had a 8.9 to tie for second; and Evelyn Gillespie placed third.

On Floor: Anderson's 9.4 was good for another first-place finish; Linscott and Carrier both scored 9.0 for a three-way tie for third. Leanna Carroll, from Alvirne, also placed third.

Anderson also was able to take First Place in All-Around with a



Hannah Linscott



Evelyn Gillespie placed third in Salem. Photos courtesy Kristy Marie Metelski

score of 35.9.

Prior to that performance, the Lancers finished first in the Timberlane Regional High School meet on Sunday, Dec. 29, also taking place at A2 Gym & Cheer in Salem.

Top Londonderry performers at the event were:

Vault: Cailee Anderson 8.9; and Alexandra Peña: 8.6

Bars: Anderson and Linscott each had great routines.

On Floor: Carrier had a 9.2; co-captain Sophia Beaugard scored an 8.6; and Alexandra Peña finished with a 9.1.

The team will get a bit of a break in January, with the Lancers next meet being scheduled for on Jan. 20 at Noha's Gymnastics Academy at 11 a.m.



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Exit 4A Gateway District Sessions

The Town of Derry's Planning Board is reviewing potential zoning and land use changes in the Gateway District, the area where Folsom Road will meet the upcoming connection to Route 93's Exit 4A. They are hosting three public visioning sessions to gather input from stakeholders most impacted by these potential changes. Each session will focus on a specific area within the

Gateway District, and is designed to gather input from residents and property owners in each area and beyond. Session One takes place Monday, January 6, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at Derry Municipal Center, 14 Manning St., 3rd Floor Meeting Room. RSVP to derryplanning@derrynh.org. Additionally, a Zoom link will also be provided on the Town of Derry Planning Board website www.derrynh.org/planning-board for those who wish to listen remotely. Please note

that the Zoom session will be listen-only. Those unable to attend to are invited to submit written feedback to derryplanning@derrynh.org

Democrats Meeting

The next meeting of the Londonderry Democrats is scheduled for Wednesday Jan. 23 at 6:15 p.m., in the Leach Library downstairs meeting room. Local Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independents and Undeclareds are urged and wel-

come to attend. Please email pskud@comcast.net or reach out to Londonderry NH Democrats on Facebook or Twitter for more details.

Karaoke

American Legion Post 27 will host a Karaoke night on Jan. 10 from 7:30 - 11 p.m. with DJ Sharon. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to www.alpost27.com, or call 603-437-6613.

Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly General Meeting on Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to www.alpost27.com, or call 603-437-6613.

Crafternoon

Leach Library's Craft-

ernoon 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.

Tinker Time

Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, Jan. 11 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.

Snowman Bookmark

Teens and tweens are invited to stop by the Leach Library's Teen Area any time on Friday, Jan. 10 to color their own snowman-themed bookmark. All supplies will be provided. Participants may deco-

rate their bookmark with the library's coloring supplies or take the bookmark home. Bookmarks will be available while supplies last. No registration is required.

Children's Mosaic Craft

On Monday, Jan. 13 at 4:30 p.m., come to the Leach Library to make a winter mosaic craft. All supplies will be provided and library staff will be on hand to offer assistance.

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,

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

Wiggle Worms Story Time

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

begins one week before each session.

D&D Dragoners Club

Calling all teen and tween adventurers. Are you ready to step into a world of magic, monsters, and epic quests? Then join the Dragoners Club for a standalone quest on Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Adventurers are encouraged to bring their own ready-made character sheets to jump straight into the action! If you're new to the game or don't have a character ready, have no fear. Pre-made characters will be on hand for you to start your journey. This program is intended for par-

ticipants aged 12-18. Registration is required.

Adult Craft Wooden Spoon Carving

Adults are invited to carve their own wooden spoon at the Leach Library on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. This class will be led by Owl Eyes Wilderness. Attendees must complete a waiver prior to participating in the workshop. Registration is limited to 25 participants.

Baker Street Escapes

Leach Library's Mini escape room program is held once a month in Study Room A for teens. Find inspiration from the original consulting detec-

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Saturday, Dec. 28

1:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Mammoth Road, at Adams Road, leads to an arrest made by five officers. Jordan Baker, 19, of Londonderry, charged with Unlawful Possession and Intoxication.

4:44 a.m. Services rendered for Trespassing at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

10 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Harvard Street, Manchester. Marvin Frauwirth, 24, of Manchester, charged with Breach of Bail Conditions.

11:23 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Rand Street, Chester. Margaret Furtado, 55, of Chester, charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking - Two Prior Convictions.

1:43 p.m. Warrants served and two arrests made at the Londonderry Police Department. Four officers assist in charging John Furtado, 49, of Chester, with: Theft by Unauthorized Taking - Two Prior Convictions; and Bench Warrants. Krystle Auger, 40, of Concord, also charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking - Two Prior Convictions.

Sunday, Dec. 29

2:03 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by five officers on Longwood Avenue.

5:22 p.m. Identity Theft investigated on Pilgrim Road.

Monday, Dec 30

9:36 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Route 93 at the Exit 4 south-bound ramp. Three officers charge John Smith, 52, of Derry, with Driving after having a Revoked/Suspension.

11:37 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud and arrest made at Janie's Uncommon Cafe on Nashua Road. Three officers

charge Zachary Vallee, 24, Derry, charged with Carrying or Selling Weapons.

6:16 p.m. Five officers render services for Suspicious Activity at the Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

7:06 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat on Holstein Avenue. Three officers assist with transportation to a hospital.

7:32 p.m. Five officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transporting a subject to a hospital from Industrial Drive.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

12:48 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Boulder Drive, at Kendall Pond Road. Mariana Gonzalez, 31, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Speeding 21-24 mph over a 65 Limit; and Resist Arrest/Detention.

12:48 a.m. Motor vehicle stop at Nouria, on Rockingham Road, leads to an arrest(s) made.

4:43 p.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Nashua Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

2:49 a.m. Pedestrian Check at 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road leads to arrests made by four officers. Jordyn Marie Jones, 19, of East Bridgewater, MA, charged with: Unlawful Possess/Intoxication; and Transportation of Alcohol By a Minor. Margaret Curran, 19, of Weymouth, MA, charged with Unlawful Possess/Intoxication. Treyvon Gonsalves, 19, of Weymouth, MA, charged with Unlawful Possess/Intoxication.

12:20 p.m. Disturbance on Hovey Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Jaimie Leigh Boissonneault, 37, of

Londonderry, charged with: Domestic Violence - False Imprisonment; and Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury).

3:55 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Hovey Road.

4:14 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Power Lines on Wiley Hill Road.

8:24 p.m. Four officers render services for Shoplifting at Route 102 Gas on Nashua Road.

Thursday, Jan. 2

8:46 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School.

10:22 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at Page Road, leads to an arrest made

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

Duplo Budding Builders

This group will be meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m., at the Leach Library. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Building Buddies

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Fantasy Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss

by three officers. Albert Frost, 45, of Epsom, charged on Bench Warrants.

2:29 p.m. Six officers investigate an abandoned 911 call on Cortland Street.

2:44 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated by seven officers on Cortland Street.

4:03 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Hovey Road.

Friday, Jan. 3

9:29 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Rand Street, Chester. Corey Riel, 27, of Chester, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking - Two Prior Convictions.

9:40 a.m. Sudden Death on Beacon Street investigated by six officers.

10:44 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Berlang Road. Christopher Kegley, 20, of Londonderry, charge with

four counts of: Sexual Assault - Penetration of a Victim 13- to 15-Years Old/Age Difference less than three years.

11:37 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Yidiel Alexander Prado Ortiz, 25, of Nashua, charged with: Operating a vehicle without a Valid License - License Required.

Saturday, Jan. 4

12:48 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Jefferson Drive, at Old Nashua Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Jacob Howard, 25, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

1:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check on Vista Ridge Drive, at Perkins Road, leads to an Arrest made by three officers. Tyler Gahara, 29, of Londonderry, charged with: Dri-

ving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Stop/Stand/Park where Prohibited.

1:47 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at Mammoth Road leads to an arrest. Max Stephen Rothacker, 26, of Litchfield, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Yellow/Solid Line Violation; and Speeding 21-24 mph over a Limit of 55 or Less.

4:41 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Cohas Terrace.

Sunday, Jan. 5

12:13 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Granite Street.

4:50 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at Market Basket on Michels Way.

6:22 p.m. Six officers investigate Drug Offenses on Beacon Street.

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

Stuffy Sleepover

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

Adult Craft Candle Sushi

Adults are invited to make their own sushi candles out of colored beeswax sheets on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m., at the Leach Library. Registration is limited to 20 partic-

ipants and opens on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Cookbook Potluck

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

Banned Book Discussion

Come to the Leach 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.

Travis Baldree's popular novel Legends & Lattes. Refreshments will be served. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration begins on Dec. 19.

Growing Up Wild

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

Literary Fiction Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. to discuss Annie Hartnett's novel Unlikely Animals. Refreshments will be served. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration began on Dec. 30.

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