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Rachel Hutchinson and Xander Cogan examine one of the many instruments donated on Saturday for the Tri-M Honor Society. The goal is to use the donations to help students pursue the ability to learn to play without the worry of paying for an expensive instrument. See more on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Committee Look for Potential Extensions to Water System

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met on March 5 to discuss the continuing water situation people in town are facing.

Hoping for aid from state officials, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, praised efforts by members of the Utilities Committee and town resi-

dents for their work in moving an expansion of the municipal water supply forward.

"Guests from the state who have participated in similar projects talked about how they'd

never seen such a community effort, they've never seen the town staff and the town boards and committees coming together in a

professional manner to provide accurate and timely information about a project like this," said Malaguti. "Great feedback, and it's a great look for Londonderry."

According to initial vote tallies, funding for an extension to the water supply system on High Range Road was

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Town Elections See Water Line Pass, Pickle Ball Fail

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Elections were held on Tuesday, March 12, with favorable weather conditions and a number of big-ticket items, there were over 4,000 voters at the polls this year.

Below are the unofficial Town Election Results, that were posted on the town website, following the close of the polls.

In the race for the three-year Town Council seat, Shawn Faber was voted in over the four-

term (12-year) incumbent, Jim Butler, 2,035 to 1,866.

For the two Budget Committee three-year term seats, Kate Burbidge and Jason Goldman won with 2,205 and 2,156 votes respectively. Wendy Marini received 1,710 votes.

For the one Budget Committee one-year seat, David Plaza won with 1,856 to Luke Veneri's 1,445 votes.

In the race for the two Library Trustee three-year seats, Nancy Hendricks was elected with 1,421 votes and

Moira Ryan took the other seat with 1,216 votes. Betsy McKinney received 1,098; Beth Marrocco had 1,015; Maria Barud got 749; Cynthia Peterson had 602; Christine Keenan, 420; and Cheryl P. Isaak got 256.

For the three-year term Trustee of the Trust Funds seat, Brian Patrick Crowley was elected with 1,643, over Bill Fanning with 1,471 votes.

In the Cemetery Trustee race, Amy Landry Wheeler had

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Voters Reject Kindergarten Renovation Plan Articles

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School District's Election was held on Tuesday, March 12, and with well over 4,000 voters making it to the polls, the results determined residents were not willing to spend over \$34 million for the Moose Hill Addition and Renovation plan, but were willing to support all of the other articles.

In the election for School Board seats, incumbent Sara Loughlin had 2,623 votes and incumbent Amanda Butcher had 2,487 to retain their seats for three more years. Challengers Alan Roy and Ken Samoisette had

1,119 and 1,005 respectively.

Article 2, the Special Article to raise \$23,100,000 for the Moose Hill Addition and Renovation project needed 60 percent of the vote to pass and failed by a vote of 2,258 to 1,955.

Article 3, the Special Article to raise \$11,100,000 for the second part of the Moose Hill Addition and Renovation project also failed to receive 60 percent of the votes required, falling 2,094 to 2,121.

Article 4, the General Fund - Operating Budget of \$88,351,411 passed by the School Board had 3,503 votes, while the Default Budget received 549 votes.

Article 5, the Londonderry Support Staff [AFSCME Local 1801] Bargaining Agreement passed with a vote of 3,024 to 1,140.

Article 6, the Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items if Article 5 failed, passed 3,125 to 1,009.

Article 7, the School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects, passed 3,767 to 472.

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Voters Approve \$3M Article for High Range Water Line

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry voters approved the water infrastructure warrant article with a vote of 2,738 to 1,536 during the annual Town Elections last week.

Ahead of election day, the Londonderry Town Council held an information session on March 4, a week before Election Day to discuss the water issue in town, particularly when it comes to PFAS.

It was explained previously by Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, that Saint-Gobain has certain obligations to replace the water infrastructure within the consent decree area, however, the

town proposed to do a water main all the way down High Range Road, which would form the foundation for a larger water public system in town, and help with PFAS remediation in parts of town that aren't part of the consent decree.

The total warrant article, after it was amended at the Deliberative Session called for a total of \$23.75 million price tag, with \$2.95 million needed to be raised, and the rest coming from grants, and from Saint-Gobain.

The \$2.95 million will come from a PFAS remediation loan fund through the state.

It was explained pre-

viously that if \$2.95 million needs to be raised, the first year's annual principal and interest would be \$215,000. Malaguti noted that if the full \$2.95 million isn't needed they wouldn't take out the full amount.

The loan will be 1% interest during construction and 3.5% after, and would be a 20 year loan, which was previously agreed on by the Town Council.

One of the speakers at the presentation was NH Department of Environmental Services Commissioner, Robert Scott, who explained that there have been parts of town impacted by PFAS and he said overtime "We found that these chemicals can be harmful."

He said that Londonderry is an interest to the department because it has one of the highest densities for contaminated private wells in the State.

Scott explained that over the next couple of years between federal and state resources "There's an unprecedented amount of funding available for water projects."

State Rep. Bill Boyd, who Chairs the NH Drinking Water and

Groundwater Trust Fund said the warrant article is a "once in a lifetime generational opportunity that you have to tackle PFAS contamination and develop a vision for how Londonderry wants to plan its water supply."

He said since the Trust Fund was created they have allocated close to \$168 million in grants and loans to "help create a water access and infrastructure to bring clean portable water to communities impacted either by water contamination or to protect and to enhance existing water sources for future generations."

NH Speaker of the House, Sherman Packard, who represents Londonderry, said he thinks that the town is in a good spot to get millions of dollars from the State, if the warrant article was approved but if voters didn't approve it "the whole project could be put in jeopardy."

Brandon Kernan, an Administrator for the Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau, explained while there are some things that can remove PFAS he said it comes with a "a whole host of other challenges relative

to water quality and just logistical and cost when you look over the long term."

He said the money could be spent on long term infrastructure like what they proposed in Londonderry instead.

Kernan also noted that one of the advantages of being on a water system, versus a private well, is that the State monitors it to make sure the water is safe to drink, and private homeowners wouldn't need to do anything to ensure that.

Malaguti explained that "this is a supply project."

"It is an effort to get the supply into the heart of Londonderry; this also happens to be one of the most heavily contaminated or if not the most contaminated area in Londonderry," Malaguti said.

He also noted that they have been working on the issue for a number of years, saying after they became aware of the problem with PFAS in town he said "the Town Council took steps and the community took steps to raise awareness."

One of the things that took place was the creation of the PFAS Task Force, which created a final report, identifying sources of contamination, ways to remediate it, among other things.

The Town Council also had a Utilities Committee created, and the town worked with DES to create a rebate program, in order to get relief for people.

One question raised was how quickly those in the consent decree area could expect to start getting town water, if the warrant article is approved.

Scott said he thinks depending on how the vote goes they would be able to have easier negotiations with Saint-Gobain especially when it comes to them doing a water line connection instead of Individual entry systems.

"I think the coming couple months will be really telling," Scott said.

Another question raised was whether or not they could expand the consent decree.

Malaguti explained that they studied it and looked at it closely but noted that environmental cases can be litigated for decades.

"We do not believe the state will reopen the consent decree," Malaguti said.

Scott went back to the funding sources saying one of the big factors for not reopening the consent decree is that they have a window to use the additional funding and that "within a few years that will be gone."

OBITUARY

Frederick C. Johnson III



Frederick C. Johnson III peacefully passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024 at his home in Londonderry, NH, surrounded by his beloved family. Born on May 23, 1942, in Lawrence, MA, he was the cherished son of the late Frederick C. Johnson, Jr. and Mildred (Towne) Johnson. Fred called Londonderry home for 49 years, having previously resided in Andover, MA.

Fred dedicated his career to Hewlett-Packard in Andover, MA, where he served as a respected supervisor in the machine shop. Outside of work, he found joy in classic cars, often attending car shows, and was known for his passion for solving puzzles.

He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Diane (Bridge) Johnson of Londonderry; two sons, David W. Johnson and his wife Lynne of Londonderry, and Brian Johnson and his wife Claudine of Londonderry; three grandchildren, Andrew, Caitlyn, and Ryan; his brother, Gerald Johnson and his wife Sharon of Londonderry; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, William Johnson.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, March 20 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A funeral service followed in the funeral home. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 10 a.m., at Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support cancer research and patient care via www.dana-farber.org/gift or mailed to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. To extend condolences or share memories of Fred, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Fred will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his kindness, laughter, and unwavering love for his family. May he rest in peace.

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Butler Replaces Rugg as New Planning Board Chair

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the March 13 Londonderry Planning Board meeting, the Board was tasked with picking its Board officers for the upcoming year.

"I started to add the years up and I've been Chair for 19 years and I think it's time for a change," Chair, Art Rugg, announced during the

meeting.

He said a couple of years ago, Planning Board member, Jake Butler, had approached him and said one day he wanted to potentially be the Chair, and asked what he would need to do.

"I worked with him. Kelly has worked with Jake and he said he is prepared now to take on the duties of Chair," Rugg said.

He said the one provision would be that Butler told him he wanted him to stay on as Vice Chair for now.

The Board unanimously approved Butler as the new Chair, and Rugg as the new Vice Chair.

He discussed the role of the Chair and said he would serve in the capacity in a way "We can all be proud of."

"Through new leadership, it's my full intention to build upon the foundation that Mr. Rugg, and other previous boards have created to guide future development for the town of Londonderry," Butler said.

He also thanked Rugg for his years of service to the Planning Board.

"I want to thank you for your relentless com-

mitment to the town of Londonderry for so long," Butler said.

He also noted that Rugg has been on the Board for 28 years.

"That's institutional knowledge that you can't replace," he said.

Other officer positions selected during the meeting included Lynn Wiles, who was picked as the Board's Secretary, and Jeff Penta, who was

selected as Assistant Secretary.

Penta and Butler were selected to serve as the Planning Board representatives on the CIP Committee, and Rugg will continue to be the Planning Board representative on the Heritage Commission.

The next Planning Board meeting is set to take place on April 3 at 7 p.m.

Conservation Consider Slowing Rate of New Trail Construction

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission met on March 12 to discuss the planned construction and marking of new trails at Musquash to alleviate what Conservation Chair, Marge Badois, called "congestion." Two trails were completed recently recently finished, and another has been proposed.

"I was just concerned when I saw the plan for the new trail, that it was adding a lot more to our open space," said member, Deb Lievens. "I think we need to be careful about over-trailing. The bikes worry me a little bit more than the average person, the bikes are more likely to disturb animals and create an impact."

Biking in the area has grown more popular over the last few years, with the Mountain Bike Association offering help with trail construction more than once. Maintenance of older trails was

another concern.

"There's a lot of trails out there and before we build new ones, let's make sure we have maintained the old ones," said Alternate Commissioner, Mike Speltz.

Speltz proposed working with the Historical Society to make signs for recently acquired land at Lithia Springs.

"You've got two Lithia Springs signs that are designed, but we haven't had them made, because nobody wants to pay for them," he said. "They haven't really jumped at the idea of spending money on a sign."

They noted that the Historical Society and the Heritage Commission had smaller budgets, and it was not clear whether sign-making was part of their scope. Another sign-making project at Mack Apples was relatively expensive.

Badois reported the beavers around Red Fern Circle have returned to the area with the warmer weather.

"They had stopped building their dam while the water was frozen, now they're able to get around, and residents were wondering if our beaver guy can come back," she said. "Do we want to reengage with this?"

Beaver dams obstructing the flow of water have been a problem for homes in the Red Fern area for the past few months despite a recent trapping effort. Commissioners unanimously favored another beaver removal project to stop the problem from getting worse before the spring and summer months.

"There may come a point where we may decide this isn't a viable solution, but we need to give it a fair chance first," said Speltz. "Let's try trapping them and see what happens."

Nobody was sure what the next step might be if trapping did not work.

There have been complaints about target shooting in Musquash,

something only allowed during the hunting season with a license from the state Fish and Game Department.

"It does bring up a

concern, they were mentioning that it was very close to the trail," said Badois. "We're going to have to start paying attention."

The Londonderry Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.



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Editorial

Has the Minority Become the Majority?

The residents of Londonderry have made it through another local election cycle. With the unofficial results tallied, a couple of things are very clear.

Good weather brought voters out in droves this year, about 4,400 voters, the highest total in over two decades.

Voters were willing to take a risk with a relatively unknown candidate over a four-term incumbent for Town Council and a large number of votes were cast against the future tax burden of the Moose Hill Addition and Renovation project.

We also saw that, for a second year in a row, people are not interested in going from an elected Town Treasurer to an appointed one.

The notion that a majority of residents want to play pickleball was defeated. The price of nearly a half-million dollar for about 10 courts was more than residents were willing to spend.

There were also a number of citizen petitions that passed on the town ballot. Five of six of these articles saw overwhelming support. The only one to fail was Article 21, the Town Manager Plan, which was a bit ambiguous, resulting in a number of voters leaving it blank.

Residents spoke loud and clear that they want to see more transparency in town with meetings times being made more available, recordings being made of every meeting and public comment being

allowed in all meetings.

The idea that Planning Board members need to be elected rather than appointed also passed by over 1,000 votes.

All of the citizen petitions that passed were made "advisory only" during the Deliberative Session, so voters a left to hope our town government will proactively work to make these changes official nonetheless.

During the Town Managers "State of the Town Address" at Deliberative, Mike Malaguti spoke of a small group of individuals with an agenda and a battle for the soul of our community.

We hope the Town Manager will take note of the number of residents that came out, and how many of them are in the minority.

We don't think this is the last we'll see of the kindergarten expansion plan or pickleball court proposals, but maybe a much lower price tag on both would help persuade voters.

We also hope that this is the last we've seen of the Town Treasurer matter being brought to voters. Two defeats in two consecutive years ought to send a strong enough message to the Town Council to just leave this one alone.

It was certainly refreshing to see so many voters come out this year; although 25 percent of the voters isn't great, it's a lot more than we've seen in recent years.

Letters

Thank You For Support

To the editor,

I am writing to show my sincere gratitude for your support in the recent election. It is with great honor and humility that I am now serving on Town Council, and I am deeply appreciative of the trust you have placed in me.

It has been an absolute joy to get to know those whom I've met over the course of my campaign. People have shown genuine excitement and hope for what I'd bring to the Council. When the grind of campaigning got me down, it's the people, who energized me, who reminded me of what this hard work was for. Your votes gave me the opportunity to represent our community and work towards the betterment of our town. I am committed to serving with integrity and dedication, always keeping the best interests of our residents at the forefront of my decisions.

This truly was a group effort. I'm so grateful to all who put in the hard work and time, who donated, and supported my campaign. Those who attended my "Community Conversations", those who came to grab a coffee with me, and other public events. I'm so thankful to my supporters who greeted me on election day as I was standing outside the polls. It was a long day, but to get to see faces both familiar and new, wishing me well, was the icing on the cake and a great way to end the election. There is truly so many people to thank, I couldn't begin to list them all in 500

words.

I assure you that I will work tirelessly to address the concerns and aspirations of our community. I am eager to collaborate with all of you to create positive change and progress in Londonderry. Your voices will be heard and your input will be invaluable, as we strive to build a brighter future for our town. It's going to be hard work, it's not going to be easy, but we'll get there.

Once again, thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I am deeply grateful for your confidence and belief in me.

Sincerely,
Shawn Faber
Londonderry
Town Councilor

Thanks to Voters

To the editor,

To the greatest citizenry, in the greatest town, in the greatest state of the greatest country the world has ever known, the Londonderry Fire Department says, "Thank You."

The FY25 Budget Process (which ultimately concluded with the March 12 Town Vote) was the new Command Staff's first. Throughout the process, and without any experience to fall back on, it was our community who assisted in guiding our Leadership Team by allowing us grace as we figured out protocol & procedures, supported us as we stumbled, and, most importantly, challenging us by asking earnest questions to solicit earnest answers. We are blessed to have a community of free-thinkers who are

critical in their thought process and intentional with their understanding of the matters at hand.

Receiving unanimous support from the Town Council and Budget Committee indicated to us that our message for the 'why' behind the four firefighters during the budget process was tracking. We sincerely thank both of these elected bodies for your leadership & willingness to maintain an open yet prudent mind.

Further affirmation came from our citizens, who publicly (and privately) complimented us on our approach and how we presented our case to Town Leadership. This culminated on March 12, when the question for the four firefighters received overwhelming support from the voters.

We vow to our citizenry to remain flexible through strategic thinking and tactical action; we will adjust and continue to adapt to meet the needs of our hometown while refusing to live in an echo chamber filled with lethal confirmation bias that stymies creativity and critical thinking.

Thank you for all your support!

Respectfully, Humbly
& Accessibly Yours -
Bo Butler

Chief of Department
Emergency Management
Director, Londonderry

Thank You

To the editor,

I want to thank everyone who came out to vote and especially those who voted in sup-

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Maple Weekend

Peterson Sugar House and Farm held an Open House over the weekend to help celebrate Maple Weekend. Sugar maples have stopped producing sap for sugar and syrup but there was plenty of activities for visitors at the farm. The process of making maple syrup and candy was explained and people were served ice cream topped with syrup throughout Saturday and Sunday. Children also had plenty of animals around the farm to pet.

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port for my run for School Board.

This was a big turnout of over 4000 people.

We the People run our cities, towns and government. Not those sitting in our local and national buildings, which we pay for.

Make your voice heard every time you have the chance to vote and get out there and do it because your vote really does count but only if you show up. So thank you to the people of Londonderry, even though I didn't get a place on your School Board, but it was a pleasure meeting and running for the first time in a position to represent my community.

Spread the word and get people active, it's our town and as taxpayers we're responsible for who we elect to represent us.

Again, Thank you
Alan Roy
Londonderry

Middle East Peace Is A Myth

To the editor,
A two-state solution for Israel, a strategic U.S. ally, and Palestine most likely was permanently derailed by the Hamas terrorist attack of Oct. 7, 2023, and the overwhelming Israeli response in Gaza.

The hatred of the Jews of Israel permeates Arab societies. A survey found 74% of Middle East Arabs hate Jews. This is prominently documented by the preaching of a Muslim cleric as follows:

Egyptian Muslim cleric Muhammad Hussein Ya'qoub stated Muslim's feelings in January 2009 when he said "If the Jews left Palestine to us, would we start loving them? Of course not. We will never love them. Absolutely not. The Jews are infidels - not because I say so, and not because they are killing Muslims, but because they imitate the sayings of the disbelievers before. How del-

uded they are." Ya'qoub also said "The Jews are enemies not because they occupied Palestine. They would have been enemies even if they did not occupy a thing."

Israel must be supported so it can be prepared for ongoing conflicts and potential warfare.

The U.S. provides about \$3.5 billion annually in military foreign aid to Israel to support our strategic doctrine in the Middle East. Private U.S. citizens, including a few million Jews and about 60 million Evangelical Christians provide support to Israel.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Great Speech?

To the editor,
A mentally compromised shell of a man, leader of the free world, ranted and raved his way through a scripted and teleprompted State of the Union speech. Was it a great speech? If

you base your opinion on the fact that he didn't fall up or down the stairway on his way to the podium, it was a great speech. Did his screaming and yelling presentation show you a man of power and strength? Or a failing old man trying to portray something he is not? Then it was a great speech. Where he has had great difficulty putting words together to form a sentence, little of this happened. Why? A teleprompter he used made thinking unnecessary. Does that make for a great speech? A noticeable miscue occurred when he went off script.

Obviously it was not on the teleprompter. He had to think. Not his strong suit. He lifted a memento honoring a young woman recently murdered with her name clearly spelled and mispronounced it. Was this another Joe miscue or a failure of his handlers?

I ask readers. Did Joe say anything that makes you and your family feel less traumatized? Did he address the table issues that concern all of us? Is he leading America in the correct direction? He now travels the Country campaigning for reelection. You can be certain his handlers will avoid stairways and

unscripted speeches. Only questions and answers that have been rehearsed will be allowed. This has always been part of the act.

Have you noticed Joe no longer exits Air Force One via the long grand staircase? He now uses a forward positioned much shorter staircase. Seldom used by Dignitaries, but necessary for the handicapped. With all the table issues still with us and getting stronger, Joe will see to our getting more chips and candy in our bags Hallelujah, hallelujah at last at last!

Dr Paul J Minnillo
Londonderry

School

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Article 8, the Special Article for the \$220K Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund passed 3,075 to 1,130.

Article 9, the Special Article of \$125K for the District's Technology Network Infrastructure

Capital Reserve Fund, passed 3,052 to 1,151.

Article 10, the Special Article of \$120K for the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund passed 3,208 to 933.

Article 11, a Citizen Petition Warrant Article, amended at the Deliberative Session passed 2,855 to 651. It stated:

Shall the district express its support of the current method of presenting the operating budget to voters?

Note: The results were obtained from the Londonderry School District's results posted on their website on Monday, March 18.



Postcards to Rangers

Students at Moose Hill School recently created over 100 cards to send to the 75th Ranger Regiment stationed overseas. Pictured are children of the Londonderry Early Education Program with Benny the Soldier Bear back from his many adventures. Kim Speers, the Preschool Director, gave thanks to everyone that had their students make cards to her son's company that is currently deployed in the Middle East. In total, the school sent over 100 cards.

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1,807 votes, and was elected to the three-year term over Karen Pied, who received 1,403 votes.

In the election for the position of Town Clerk, Sherry Farrell retained her position with 2,685 votes over Amanda Longo who received 1,382 votes.

The six-year term seat for the town's Supervisor of the Checklist position, Maureen Hardy won with 1,797

votes over Janet Huttula who got 1,517 votes.

Residents voted on over 20 Warrant Articles on March 12, with a number of Public Safety articles being passed.

On Article 2, the Amendment to the Town Charter on making the Town Treasurer an appointed position rather than an elected one, saw the amendment fail by nearly 1,000 votes.

This was the second consecutive year this

article was proposed and failed, this year the vote was 2,539 to 1,553 against.

Article 3, the Loan Authorization for the High Range Road Water Supply Extension Project passed with a vote of 2,738 to 1,536. This article is for a bond of nearly \$3 million, and required a 3/5 vote to pass.

Article 4, the Fiscal Year 2025 Town Operating Budget of \$45,901,420 passed 2,812 to 1,395 and requires the town to raise

\$23,653,283 in property taxes.

Article 5, the \$200K Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund passed 2,785 to 1,426, with \$100K being raised in taxes.

Article 6, the \$650K Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund article passed 2,843 to 1,387.

Article 7, Establishing and Funding a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Expendable Trust Fund, passed 2,635 to 1,611.

Article 8, the DPW Equipment/Vehicle Leases Passed 2,634 to 1,614.

Article 9, the Fire Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund of \$100K passed 2,956 to 1,335.

Article 10, the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund of \$75,000 passed 2,963 to 1,314.

Article 11, the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund of \$10K passed 2,671 to 1,592.

Article 12, the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve

Fund of \$75K passed 2,275 to 1,854.

Article 13, the Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund of \$32,500 passed 2,742 to 1,393 and will be raised through a Franchise Agreement.

Article 14 the Police Department's request to add an Additional Prosecutor passed 2,311 to 1,871 and will require \$162K to be raised in property taxes.

Article 15, the Fire Department's request for additional Firefighters, at \$495K, passed 2,784 to 1,426.

Article 16, the request to raise \$490K for Pickleball Courts failed 2,688 to 1,564.

Articles 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22 were citizen petition articles that were all passed by voters. These article were made "advisory only" at the Deliberative Session.

Article 17: To amend Londonderry Municipal Code Title V - Administrative Code Chapter Iii Section I. A. making Planning Board positions elected as opposed to appointed

passed 2,686 to 1,430.

Article 18: To amend Londonderry Municipal Code Title I - General Code I Section 8.13.B, to include public input at the start and end of each meeting, passed 3,085 to 1,077.

Article 19: To amend Londonderry Municipal Code Title I - General Code I Section 8.13.A, "shall meet at a time the best for the general population," passed 3,125 to 1,017.

Article 20: To amend Londonderry Municipal Code Title I - General Code I Section 8.13.A, to Record Public meetings passed 3,204 to 933.

Article 22: To amend Londonderry Municipal Code Title V - Administrative Code Chapter III, to remove the word "Advisory" from "Budget Committee", passed 2,259 to 1,621.

Article 21, another citizen petition, to see if voters were in favor of the Town Manager Plan, passed 2,100 to 1,775.

Article 23, Transaction of Other Business, passed 2,427 to 1,166.

Water

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approved by Londonderry voters during the recent election.

"This pipeline is going to help the region," said Utilities Secretary, John Ferreira.

The Town Manager added, "It needs to be a community decision where and when [the water pipe] goes next." While the High Range Road extension is designed to serve homes most impacted by Saint-Gobain's PFAS contamination, town officials intend it to be the first step in a much more extensive expansion to the town water supply in the coming years.

While Utilities' energy subcommittee has not had a meeting recently, Chair, Lynn Wiles, assured everyone they were "still moving forward with the Community Power Aggrega-

tion Program."

"There's no sense of urgency to do this, I think we have enough time to make some educated decision on how we move forward," said Wiles.

A public hearing on the project is expected to get local feedback, although no date was set.

The Twin State project to bring hydroelectric power down from Quebec was declared a "dead deal" for the time being, following news from the Town Manager. While the details were unclear, there were apparently cooperation issues between local American and Canadian power suppliers.

Neither the Town Council nor the Utilities Committee was committed to the Twin State proposal, despite several meetings and some preliminary interest.

"It sounds like a great

idea, clean power, but we need to think about what we have in the state of New Hampshire and who has control of it," said alternate member, Ray Breslin. "We need to think about what power is being used, particularly hydro-power here in the state of NH."

He questioned why they had little control over potential, local sources of power, and raised the possibility of asking Donald Kreis from the NH Office of the Consumer Advocate to come in to explain the situation in more detail at a future meeting.

"We need to listen to somebody who is in the middle, like the consumer advocate," said Breslin.

The Utilities Committee is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

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Band Members Collect Used Instruments for Tri-M Society



The Londonderry High School chapter of Tri-M Honor Society held a Band & Orchestra Instrument Donation Drive on Saturday, March 16, in the High School main lobby and collected over 50 instruments in a wide-range of conditions. The group collected flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, tubas, violins, violas, and cellos to donate to communities and schools in New England that might need the instruments. Students went through the instruments and categorized them by their condition. The hope is that these instruments would help to foster a student's desire to explore music, who can't afford to buy an instrument.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Five Players Represent Lancers in Senior All-Star Game

BLAKE SANTANA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On the heels of the school's first Division I hockey championship, there was still more hockey to be played for five Londonderry seniors with the annual Senior All-Star Games in Exeter. This year, unlike in past years, the teams were mixed with Division I, II, and III players on all four squads. Gone were the days of Division I and Division II being in one game and Division III being a separate contest. All players who played for the same squad during the season were placed on the same team for the tournament, with Londonderry's crew being assigned to Team White 1.

Team White 1 had players from Londonderry (James Kircaldie, Mike Maloney, Owen Carey, Jayden Hamilton, Brendon Morin), Manchester (Joey Velez, Lukas Tate), Somersworth-Coe-Brown (Gio Green, Tully Keefe, James Sawyer), Spaulding (Trevor Brennan),



Jayden Hamilton



James Kircaldie



Brendon Morin



Mike Maloney



Owen Carey

Pembroke-Campbell (3, Cameron Plante, Patrick Chamberlain, Liam Cripps), and Kearsarge-Plymouth (Jack Swanson, Brennan Johnson).

This season, due to the introduction of a round-robin tournament, the day was divided into 25-minute running-time games where everyone got to play each other once. Team White 1's first matchup of the day was against Team White 2. The two teams battled hard, but it was Team White 2 that emerged with the win in the first game, as Team White 1 would stay on

rink 2 to take on Team Red in game two.

The second game started strong for Team White 1, as Owen Carey found the back of the net, beating Winnacunnet's Owen Helton on a rebound opportunity to make it 1-0 heading into the break halfway through the second game to allow the ice to be cleaned. Unfortunately for Team White 1, Joe DeKarski and Jack Wilkinson were able to find the back of the net in the second half of the game, giving Team Red a 2-1, come-from-behind victory.

In the third game, which served as a defacto third-place game with both teams entering at 0-2 and both teams playing on rink 2 being 2-0 heading into the final matchup, Team White 1 took on Team Blue, and won 3-2 in a thriller that was never really out of reach, despite Team Blue losing Kolin Melanson to an injury after

their second game.

Team White 1 finished in third place on the day, going 1-2 in the round-robin and having a goal-differential of -2. Team Red finished in first place, going 3-0 and having a +3 goal differential. Team White 2 finished in second at 2-1 with a goal differential of +2, and Team Blue finished in fourth place

with an 0-3 record and a -3 goal differential. All six games that were played on Sunday finished as one-or-two-goal contests, and all six games were competitive down to the final horn. All in all, a great way to end the season for the five Lancer seniors who already added a Division I Championship to their mantle on March 9.

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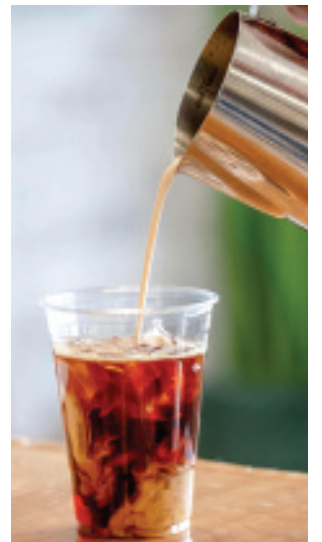
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Shamrock Shootout Takes Over High School Courts



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The third annual Shamrock Shootout 3v3 Tournament, sponsored by the Athletic Leadership Council, took place on Saturday, March 16, with Middle School teams taking the court in the morning and High School contingents finishing the contest in the afternoon.

Each game had a six-

minute time limit with the first team to reach 11-points moving on.

There were no foul shots in the game and two-points were given for anything good from outside the three-point arc.

There were nine middle school teams and 12 teams in the high school contest battling for bragging rights and gift cards in a half-court three vs. three tournament.

The winning team in

the morning session was CBG-Elite, with height helping them to the championship.

The “WR Academy” team of Kiet Totten, Matt Luongo, Crosby Nolan and Ryan Williams were the high school’s winning team. Pictured at right with trophy.

WR Academy battled the “Leprechauns” in the finals for the victory, a team consisting of Tyler Brown, Ethan Munro, and Matt Doyle.



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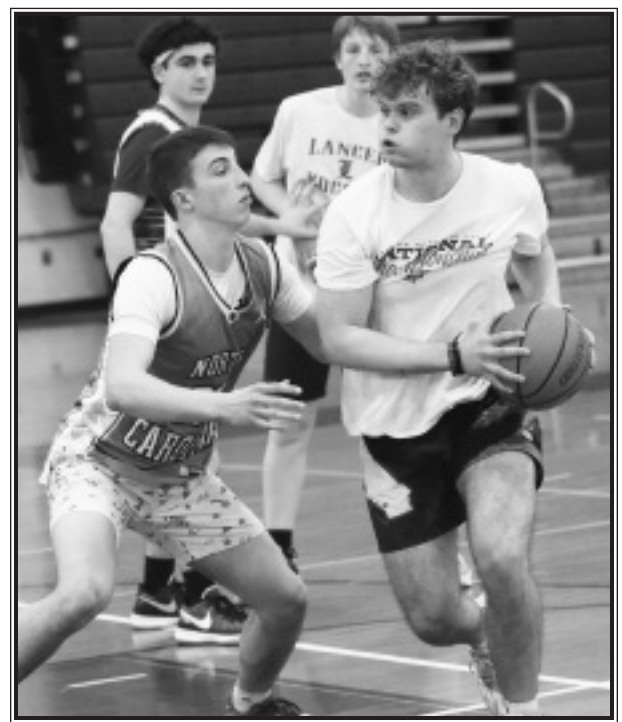
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South School Students Collect Goods for Furry Friends



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Sea Glass Creations Event

Are you interested in creating colorful sea glass art by using an assortment of shells, colorful pebbles, sand, and sea glass? If so, you can attend this event at The Canvas Road Show with the Londonderry Women's Club on April 17 at 6:15 p.m. All materials you will need are provided but you are welcome to bring your beach finds to add to your masterpiece! If interested, please email info@londonderrywomensclub.org for more information. RSVP deadline is April 14. This is an 18+ event.

Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee will

be meeting on first Thursday, every month, at Londonderry Baptist Church, 368 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. For more information: LondonderryGOP.org, facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact us at lrc@londonderry-gop.org.

Easter Bunny Arrival

Easter Bunny to arrive at Aviation Museum by student-built airplane on Saturday, March 23 at 9 a.m. Families are asked to arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. Free family event includes water cannon salute from airport fire department; free coffee and goodies from Common Man Roadside; and chocolate treats from Granite State Candy Shoppe. The Easter Bunny

will be available for greetings and pictures once off the plane from 9 - 11 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Beacon Church and the YMCA of Londonderry will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, 5 Hood Rd., Derry. 10,000 Easter Eggs, a Petting Zoo, a Donut Truck, Crafts, Party Palace Characters...and more. This is a FREE event.

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LEEP

Londonderry Early Education Program is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year! The program is provided by the Londonderry School District for three-year old preschoolers and meets from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and the program for pre-kindergarten students

meet from noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition rates are: Preschool: \$150 per month for a 2 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Pre-kindergarten: \$180 per month for a 3 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Denise Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 or email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Women's Club

Looking to dive into stories while connecting with your community? The Londonderry Women's Club invites you to join their book club, meeting monthly for engaging discussions. But that's not all! The club offers other social events catering to diverse interests. From white elephant bingo to cookie swaps, splatter

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Child Find

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - March 11
7:15 a.m. Peace restored by four officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Pillsbury Road.
9:28 a.m. Field Interrogation performed by Animal Control on Colonial Drive.
10:37 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at the Bank of America on Mammoth Road.
7:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Subway on Perkins Road.

Tuesday - March 12
4:30 a.m. Security Check

performed at Londonderry Town Hall.
6:59 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.
11:39 a.m. Three officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Bockes Road and assist with transportation to a hospital.
3:06 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Charleston Avenue.
4:33 p.m. Three officers assist the N.H. State Police with an investigation on Route 93 at the Exit 4 Off Ramp.

5:30 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Alexander Road.
6:11 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Alexander Road
8:02 p.m. Peace restored by four officers during a Welfare Check on Pinyon Place.

Wednesday - March 13
4:19 a.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department at Sanborn Crossing on Sanborn Road with transportation to a hospital
7:44 a.m. Four officers serve warrants and make an arrest on Holly Lane. Robert Gerhold, 60, of Londonderry, charged with: Seven counts of Breach of Bail and seven counts of Breach of Bail.
1:01 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Action Boulevard at Auto Auction of New

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Theo received the award on Feb. 8, 2024, at the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps Harlan R. Dickson Division Annual Inspection and Awards Ceremony held at the Army Reserve Center in Londonderry, NH. The medal is award-

ed to a cadet for participation in a non-ROTC or non-JROTC military-affiliated cadet program.

Chapter regent for the Molly Stark Chapter, DAR in Manchester, Trish Jackson, presented the award to Theo in front of families of other sea cadets.

"Theo is an outstanding representation of our school's mission. He is committed to finding ways to be a leader in the community and demonstrates good character in all of his endeavors. I'm proud of him for his accomplishments and look forward to seeing what the future holds," says Cassie Hayes, Dean of School.

The DAR National Defense Committee

strives to preserve the American heritage of freedom, to protect the U.S. Constitution, and to ensure the survival of our national sovereignty. The committee advocates a strong military defense and unwavering faithfulness to the ideals of the Founding Fathers as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.

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The Founders Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. To learn more about The Founders Academy or to apply for admission, visit www.the-foundersacademy.org/



Pictured from left to right; Trish Jackson, Molly Stark Chapter Regent, Theo Stevens Founders Academy Student and Award Recipient, and Joan Page Molly Stark Chapter Member

Police Log

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England, Inc.

3:44 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport on Airport Road.

4:53 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Ash Street at Beacon Street.

8:21 p.m. Four officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Pinyon Place.

Thursday - March 14

12:35 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:05 a.m. Assist a citizen with transportation to a hospital from the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

11:05 a.m. Three officers assisted another Police Department with an arrest at the Londonderry Middle School.

6:45 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Pinyon Place.

7:59 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Pinyon Place.

8:34 p.m. Three officers serve warrant and make

an arrest on Karen Drive, in Stoneham. Jeffrey Larivee, 57, of Derry, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury); two counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact); and Domestic Violence (Obstructing Report of Crime/Injury).

9:49 p.m. Services rendered, by three officers, for a Disturbance at Renegades Pub on Nashua Road.

Friday - March 15

2:42 a.m. Two officers assisted the N.H. State Police with transportation to a hospital from the Route 93 Off Ramp at Nashua Road.

3:24 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Park & Ride - South, on Garden Lane.

7:27 a.m. Peace Restored by three officers during a Disturbance at the McDonald's on Nashua Road.

5:33 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Symmes Drive.

6:51 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported at the Auburn Road Sand Pit.

9:11 p.m. Overdose investigated on Commerce Avenue.

Saturday - March 16

10:37 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at the N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

10:51 a.m. Robbery on Industrial Drive investigated by seven officers.

1:25 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Pinyon Place.

1:25 p.m. Welfare Check investigated at Market Basket on Michels Way.

2:41 p.m. Three officers investigate a Disturbance at Staples on Nashua Road.

2:42 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:34 p.m. Five officers respond to a disturbance on Adams Road and transport subject to a hospital.

Sunday - March 17

1:51 a.m. Arrests made by five officers during a Domestic Disturbance at Nutfield Petroleum on Nashua Road. Travis Russell Wescott, 35, of Manchester, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact). Laurie Ann Coleman, 53, of Stoneham,

MA., charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

3:06 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

9:45 a.m. Services tendered to Keep the Peace

on Alexander Road.

4:59 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Rossini Road.

10:49 p.m. Five officers render services on Thornton Road for a Domestic Disturbance.

OBITUARY

Phyllis M. Brilliant



Phyllis M. Brilliant, 95, of Londonderry passed away Saturday March 9, 2024, at All American Assisted Living of Londonderry, NH, after a period of declining health. Phyllis was born March 30, 1928 in Beverly, MA and was a daughter of the late Maynard and Gladys (Mangold) Moore. Phyllis was raised and educated in Beverly and was a graduate of Beverly High School in 1945.

Phyllis was employed by Beverly Hospital for over 22 years as the Director of Central Registration. She loved to play cards, and cherished the time she was able to spend with her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Phyllis will long be remembered for whistling her way through All-American Assisted living, as she went through her day.

Members of the family include four children and their spouses, David P. & Helen Brilliant, Mark A. & Patricia Brilliant, Donna M. & Francis McNamarra and Suzanne & Robert Raposo, 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren and one sister, Janice Wheeler. Phyllis was predeceased by her beloved husband of 70 years, Roger D. Brilliant on 2019, a daughter, Loree R. Luis in 2021, two brothers, Donald W. Moore, and Maynard N. Moore, Jr. and three sisters, Arlene Trask, Hazel McKenzie and Judith Ingalls.

Calling Hours were held on Wednesday March 13, at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 1 South Rd., Londonderry, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated after with a burial following at the NH State Veterans Cemetery of Boscawen, NH.



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