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Maple Weekend

Eric Turcotte explains the process of making maple syrup to visitors at the Peterson Sugar House on Sunday. The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association celebrated "Maple Weekend" on March 15 and 16, bringing lots of folks to the farm on Peabody Row for maple-based products and treats. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Utilities Members Worry Over News of Possible Grant Delay

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the latest meeting of the Londonderry Utilities Committee saw its members express concern over the status of a previously approved federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. "I did read on my newsfeed that the EPA is

planning to let go 75 percent of their personnel and that a significant chunk of that is in their state and local programs office, which is the office that administers the grant that we think we got," reported Committee member Mike Speltz. "I'm not particularly optimistic about movement anytime soon."

It was unclear whether the 75 percent number was accurate or how it would impact the grant. Committee member Anne Fenn, there were competing reports as to what the impact would be in the short term.

"That money doesn't come to us, it comes to
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Londonderry Town and School Voting Results

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The official results of Londonderry's School and Town election were released earlier this week and with the exception a few articles, most items were passed.

On the school side, the Full Day Kindergarten & District Office Project article failed and on the town ballots, the traffic officer and the Children's Librarian did not pass.

The election was held on Tuesday, March 11, with 3,919 residents heading to the polls to cast their ballots.

For Town Council, Deb Paul and Dan Bouchard won with

1,895 and 1,800 votes respectively, unseating incumbent John Farrell who had 1,745 votes.

For Budget Committee, Nicole Dery and Patrick El-Azem won. Dery had 1,999, El-Azem took 1,595 and edged out Nick Mills with 1,585.

The only other contested race was for Library Trustee where there were eight candidates running for three seats. Winners were Liz Thomas (1,217), Beth Marrocco (1,135) and Jan McLaughlin (1,102).

Trustee of the Trust Fund candidate, Jim Green passed away shortly after signing up for the position, but still won with 2,536 votes. The Town Council will

need to appoint someone to fill that spot until the next election.

The Warrant Article results are as follows:

Article 2: Town Operating Budget passed 2,001 - 1,674.

Article 3: Expandable Maintenance Trust Fund passed 2,433 - 1,312.

Article 4: Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund passed 2,535 - 1,214

Article 5: Establish & Fund a Police Equipment & Technology Capital Reserve Fund passed 2,715 - 1,060

Article 6: Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund passed 2,877 - 895.

Article 7: Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund passed 2,536 - 1,246.

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Three-Year Contract Signed With Next Town Manager

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town of Londonderry has signed a three-year contract with its next Town Manager Shaun Mulholland.

Earlier this month, Mulholland was picked as the Londonderry's next Town Manager, replacing Mike Malaguti who resigned last fall.

According to the contract, the agreement will begin June 1 and will continue until May 31, 2028.

"On or before March 1, 2028, the Londonderry

Town Council ("Council") shall advise Mulholland if it desires to extend the Agreement, and if so, shall extend an offer to secure Mulholland's retention as Town Manager, and Mulholland shall have until April 1, 2028, to accept the Town's offer," the contract states.

As part of the contract, Mulholland will be paid \$178,000 per year.

Mulholland is also entitled to certain relocation reimbursements, as part of the contract.

"The Town agrees to provide Mulholland with

relocation assistance in the amount of up to \$10,000 to help cover the expenses incurred as a result of his relocation to the area. This relocation assistance will be paid as a reimbursement for eligible relocation expenses, subject
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to the terms and conditions outlined below:

1. Gross-Up for Taxes: The amount of the relocation reimbursement will be grossed up to offset any applicable taxes so that Mulholland will receive the full \$10,000 in net reimbursement after tax withholding. The gross-up amount will be determined by the Town based on the applicable tax rates at the time of payment.

2. Eligible Expenses: Eligible expenses for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, moving services, temporary housing, travel costs, and any other reasonable expenses directly related to the relocation.

tion. Mulholland is required to submit detailed receipts and documentation to substantiate these expenses.

3. Submission of Receipts: Mulholland must provide itemized receipts or other appropriate proof of payment for all expenses being submitted for reimbursement. These receipts must be submitted to the Finance Department within 90 days of Mulholland's move-in date. Any expenses without appropriate documentation may not be eligible for reimbursement.

4. Non-Eligible Expenses: Personal, non-relocation-related expenses, such as family member travel, entertainment, or other non-necessary costs, will not be eligible for reimbursement.

5. Repayment Obligation: If Mulholland voluntarily terminates his employment with the Town within 12 months of receiving the relocation reimbursement, he agrees to repay the full amount of the relocation assistance provided (grossed-up amount) to the Town.

6. This relocation assistance is subject to all applicable laws, tax regulations, and Town policies, and is provided at the discretion of the Town."

As part of the contract, Mulholland shall be annually entitled to the same holidays provided to all members of the Londonderry Executive Employees Association (LEEA) pursuant to the then-current LEEA collective bargaining

agreement.

He will be entitled to 28 days of leave for vacation or sick time, while Town Manager.

"Mulholland shall be allowed to carry over five days of leave; any additional days will not be eligible to carry over from one year to a later year," the contract states.

In an email, Mulholland wrote "My wife and I look forward to my pending employment with the Town of Londonderry as its next Town Manager."

"We expect to move to Londonderry in mid-May as long as the closings on the property we have now in Lebanon and the new property in

Londonderry remain on schedule," he wrote. "Londonderry is a great community and is well respected in our State. I look forward to working with the Town Council, town staff, and the citizens of the community. I am eager to begin work in service to the people of Londonderry."

Voting

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Article 8: Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund passed 2,089 - 1,662.

Article 9: Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve Fund passed 1,944 - 1,811.

Article 10: Funding Master Plan Non-Capital Reserve Fund passed 1,935 - 1,795.

Article 11: Recreation Capital Reserve Fund passed 2,312 - 1,372.

Article 12: Cable Capital Reserve Fund passed 2,401 - 1,258.

Article 13: DPW Equipment/vehicle Lease passed 2,224 - 1,443.

Article 14: Fire Aerial Ladder/Tower Apparatus passed 2,135 - 1,642.

Article 15: Police Body Worn Cameras passed 2,296 - 1,510.

Article 16: Londonderry Executive Employees Association Agreement passed 2,062 - 1,685.

Article 18: Article 32: Association of Police Supervisors Agreement passed 2,052 - 1,597.

Article 20: Administrative Employees' Association - Town Administrative Personnel contract passed 2,067 - 1,649.

Article 22: AFSCME

1801 Agreement passed 2,000 - 1,600.

Article 24: AFSCME Londonderry Administrative Employees Association - Public Safety passed 2,147 - 1,573.

Article 26: Adding Two Traffic Unit Police Officers failed 1,394 - 2,390.

Article 27: Adding One Traffic Unit Police Officers failed 1,537 - 2,154.

Article 28: Children's Librarian failed 2,276 - 1,422.

Article 29: Part-Time Children's Librarian passed 1,920 - 1,771.

Article 30: Welcome to Londonderry Signs failed 1,749 - 2,019.

Article 31: Expandable Overtime for Public Safety Trust Fund passed 1,907 - 1,827.

Article 32: Phase VII of Rail Trail passed 2,341 - 1,461.

Article 33: Library Furniture failed 1,401 - 2,187.

Article 34: 100% Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans passed 2,186 - 1,379. Note: This article was made advisory at the Deliberative Session.

School Ballot

School Board: Kevin Gray retained his seat, winning with 2,082 votes. Jim Grimes had 452 and Frank Harman got 379.

The position of School District Clerk went to Amy Finamore with 2,625 votes.

John Conly won the Treasurer spot with 2,669 votes

Article 2: The Full Day Kindergarten & District Office Project needed a 3/5 margin to win, it failed 2,159-1,661. It needed 2,292.

Article 3: Operating Budget passed 3,029 - 617.

Article 4: Londonderry Education Assoc. Agreement passed 2,481 - 1,262.

Article 5: Londonderry Assoc. of Allied Health Prof. Agreement passed 2,532 - 1,221.

Article 7: School Lunch and Federal Funds Projects passed 3,313 - 477.

Article 8: Building and Grounds Capital Reserve passed 2,455 - 1,237.

Article 9: District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve passed 2,454 - 1,245.

Article 10: Equipment Capital Reserve passed 2,733 - 965.

Article 11: Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve passed 2,675 - 1,006.

Article 12: Citizen Petition for Budget Cap passed 2,438 - 1,241.



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Wetland Impact Concerns Raised on Pillsbury Housing Plan

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission opened its March 11 meeting with a presentation from project manager Will Nuccio of The Procopio Companies, who outlined a new housing development planned for the northern portion of the Woodmont Commons Planned Use Development.

"The 36 Pillsbury Rd. Development was originally plotted for 250 single-family homes for purchase in the 2013 Woodmont PUD, but what we're actually going to do now is 250 single-family homes for rent, it's what the market really needs at this point," explained Nuccio. "Allowing that to be all rentals allows us to be a little more malleable for

our design and allows us to be a little more sensitive to the wetlands."

Last year, a wetland study found several wetland patches on the site, mainly in an old apple orchard. The largest wetland was associated with an "intermittent stream." Most wetlands were found to be "low functioning," with extensive soil disturbance and limited biodiversity while still meeting the statewide definition of a wetland.

Commissioner Mike Speltz warned that they could not allow residential construction in the wetland buffer, regardless of whether the wetland was considered "low function," a designation he questioned.

"I think what we have here is a wetland that's struggling to come back

as a wetland, and some of the impacts here are basically going to prevent that from happening," said Speltz. "There is this wetland that goes right through the middle of the property, and I would like to see it protected."

Kevin Smith, who was at the meeting to represent the property owner, emphasized that the site plan was made to keep with density and zoning requirements of the PUD, and urged the Conservation Commission to take the acres of open space included in the plan into consideration.

The plan involved 20,727 square feet of permanent wetland impact, with around 2,000 square feet of temporary impact. Attorney Laura Gandia argued

that the Woodmont PUD has slightly different zoning regulations, allowing construction of new structures "as close as the edge of the jurisdictional wetlands," making it possible to build in the 50-foot buffer area. Such construction would still need approval from the Planning Board as part of the overall conditional use permit.

"I really encourage you to see if you can come up with some way to get some of those houses out of the buffer," said Commissioner Deb Lievens. "We're going to have a hard time asking the Planning Board to support that. Even if you're allowed to ask, we're also allowed to say no. We put the ordinance in to protect the wetlands."

Conservation Chair

Marge Badois emphasized that the buffer was seen as essential to protecting Londonderry's watershed.

"With these houses so close to the edge of the wetlands, people will be able to come out of their houses and dump whatever right into the water," she said, focusing on runoff during winter. "Do you have a plan for reducing salt usage?"

Nuccio stated there was a snow storage plan, although it was not yet detailed. He also promised to improve the design, so the homes would not necessarily border any wetlands directly while agreeing to put up signs marking the edge of the buffer zone every 50-feet.

While the meeting did not include a public hearing, Londonderry

resident Bob Lees was allowed to voice his concern that a new development could eliminate a natural buffer between a water main, surface streams, and older houses in the area.

"What we ask the gentlemen to do is if they can do something about the buffer between and existing community that's been here for 60-years and the new development," he said. "We're looking to protect our neighborhood."

He asked the members of the Conservation Commission to support the maintenance of natural buffer areas.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is set for Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.

Grant Delay

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an organization that provides the service to us," said Speltz. "I don't believe that the money has been obligated to that provider of the service, which could put us in peril."

While he was unable to make the March 4 meeting, water subcommittee member Jeff McGraw emailed his report to the other members. The subcommittee was in contact with Pennichuck to determine what a large-scale build-out of the municipal

water network might look like.

"We want to at least get the data and information for what it will look like if we were to build out a plan looking at what would be the way to go and what would be the most economical for the community," said McGraw. "That is still being worked on."

According to Utilities Committee Vice-Chair Martha Smith, that plan would involve moving over to municipal water for "everyone."

"That long-term plan

would look at which areas are best to start the project," said Smith. "We know that we have water in certain parts of town."

The Pennichuck study will build on an earlier Weston and Sampson study that envisioned a similar buildout of the water system without the ongoing High Range Road extension. Pennichuck is expected to be at the April Utilities Committee meeting to give a presentation on the matter.

Members of the Utilities Committee pledged to increase public out-

reach on their activities, including regular online updates and more cooperation with Londonderry's local access television facility. They also looked into holding events at Leach Library and local high schools with the hope of getting local representatives and senators involved to continue coordinating

state and local water policies.

"I would suggest that instead of doing events in the evening or on a weekday, you're going to get more people on weekends when they're not working or when they've just gotten home from work," said Fenn.

Fenn added, "We should try to do it at a

time when people aren't working, and that's usually going to be a Saturday or Sunday."

Smith agreed to look into what times would work best, warning that state officials might be busier on weekends.

"I don't know how our legislators are going to feel about taking up their Saturdays," she said.

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Editorial

Welcome Spring

Although this past winter may not have been the longest on record, it certainly felt that way. Who among us isn't ready for spring, even if it arrives a little late? We celebrate the sight of bare patches of brown leaves on the lawn, welcome the muddy ground that has taken over from the treacherous ice in the driveway, and smile when the temperature finally rises above freezing. Many of us even pull out lawn chairs to sit outside, albeit briefly, as the March sun shines down on us, bundled up in gloves and sweaters.

The flowering plants in stores might seem out of place—where would we actually plant them?—But their bright colors bring a promise of the warmer weather ahead. If you check your forsythia bushes, you'll see that buds have formed, which means the stark whites and browns of winter will soon be overtaken by the vibrant yellows of spring. We hope.

Still, it hardly feels like spring, despite what the calendar says. We've experienced snow showers, cold rain, and plenty of wind. Some days have just been dark and dreary. Even though there may be sunshine in the forecast, it's hard to keep

the bright promise of springtime in mind with the constant hum of the furnace in the back-ground.

But don't despair! If you can't enjoy the outdoors just yet, find ways to embrace the season indoors. Dust off your rakes and trowels so they'll be ready for use. Pull out the garden catalog and plan which seeds to buy. A glance at those bright flowers waiting to be planted, the herbs that will enhance your culinary creations, and the vegetables for your kitchen garden can help evoke a sense of spring, even if the temperature suggests otherwise. Consider visiting a nearby nursery for an extra dose of summer dreaming.

To brighten your spirits, think about putting up a bird feeder or two in a spot where you can see them from indoors. You might be lucky enough to spot the vibrant orange of a Baltimore oriole, which is sure to lift your winter blues.

And if nothing else helps, congratulate yourself on surviving a classic northern New England winter. Those of us who call this area home know that blue skies and warm weather are just around the corner, and summer isn't far behind. Right?



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Letters

Response to Transgender Athletes Ban

To the editor,

I'm not sure who Jane Cooper is, but either she is deceived or is attempting to deceive Londonderry citizens with her 3/6/25 OpEd.

President Trump, via Executive Order, is not calling for a ban on transgender athletes. He is simply leveling the playing field. His order states that biological boys should compete with other biological boys and that biological girls should not be placed in competition with biological boys. This is not a partisan issue - almost 80% of Americans agree that it is not fair or appropriate to have boys competing against girls. Please encourage Londonderry's School Board to protect girls' sports and follow the law and Title IX.

Riki Kveraga
Londonderry

Thank You For The Support

To the editor,

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote for me at the recent town election. I am very proud to be able to serve the community. As one voice on the council, I will do my very best to help any way I can.

To all of those who sent me letters, held signs at the polls, helped with the Meet and Greet events, and especially those who worked to get the message out, you have my heartfelt thanks.

My message of small government, transparency, free speech, lower spending that leads to lower taxes, and slowing

development, while not forgetting those most vulnerable in our community, was well received.

I will continue my commitment to service by helping others and fighting for the ideals and principles that make our community stronger. I will always fight for the greater good and for what I believe to be in the best interest of all Londonderry residents.

I commend all the candidates for their interest, efforts, and putting themselves out there to serve our town. I strongly recommend to all residents to get involved in how the town is being or to run for an elected office.

Once again, thank you to all and I hope I can live up to your expectations.

Respectfully
Deb Paul
Londonderry

Legislature Ignores Will of the People

To the editor,

New Hampshire's legislature keeps ignoring the expressed will of the people, particularly with respect to school vouchers. When the voucher bill was originally before the House Education Committee, and subsequently when expansion of the vouchers was before the committee, sign-ins ran around 6-1 opposed to both the vouchers themselves and to expansion of the program. Just last week, Finance Committee Chair Wyler complained that too many people came before his committee to express their opposition to expanding the program.

If the Legislature ultimately does impose universal vouchers upon us, NH residents should

demand accountability, transparency, access, and rigorous evaluation of the program. Students in the EFA program should be subject to the same testing regime as students in public schools, and the schools (or home-schoolers) should follow the minimum curriculum guidelines the state imposes on public schools. Annual financial audits should be required. The private schools to which our tax funds are going must be accessible to students with special needs, and to all students regardless of race, creed or sexual orientation.

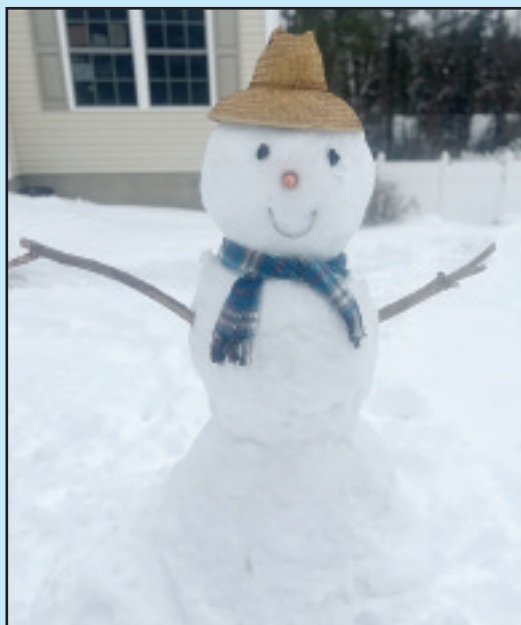
There must be a program established for independent researchers to study student outcomes and evaluate whether our public funds are being spent wisely. Other states with universal voucher schemes have seen the rise of fly-by-night schools which sometimes close suddenly, leaving families high and dry. We must not let that occur in NH.

We may not feel it right away, but I fear this voucher scheme will drain funds away from our public schools leaving NH students unable to compete with students from our neighboring states in the world of work and higher education. NH has failed for over 30 years to provide an adequate education for all our students as required by our state constitution and I fear this voucher scheme will cause our poorer districts to fall even further behind. We should be dedicating our public funds to improving public education across the state, not subsidizing

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Snowman Contest Winners



The Londonderry Times held a Snowman Contest this winter and now that the cold temperatures are behind us, we'd like to announce our winners. From above left and clockwise: Photographer's Choice was Miles Rousseau; the Traditional winner was Henry and Charlie Turner; Most Creative went to Riley, Emily, and Jack Brown; and the Publishers Choice was Mary and Luke Mederios. Thank you for all who participated, the publisher will be reaching out with your prizes soon.

Letters

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wealthy parents who were sending their children to private schools anyway.

Mary Lincoln
Londonderry

ICE

To the editor,
If the Londonderry Police are planning to sign on with the Federal Program called ice, would all you residents Please shout out NO! Especially after seeing the supposedly gangsters Venezuelans carted off in handcuffs behind their backs and accompanied by black hooded face masks ice officers, to the tune of

\$6million dollars paid to El Salvador to take them without due process of the law.

Musk said the trouble with us Americans is we are to compassionate, I hope we are.

Thank you for paying attention.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Our Economy Is In Jeopardy

To the editor,
President Trump has some good policies, but his economic policy is a disaster, and it is fraught with potential danger. His on again off again tariffs on imports, trashing of federal departments and agencies, fed-

eral employee firings, and elimination of various federal programs are causing havoc within our economy. The uncertainty is promoting jitters among consumers and could provide a pullback in consumer spending and business and industry investments, which could lead to a recession. Consumer confidence plummeted in February with its largest monthly drop since August 2021.

Trump's and Musk's slash-and-burn approach to terminating federal workers not only affects the Washington D.C. area but also states across the country. Only 400,000 out of 2.4 million federal

workers live in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. The other two million are spread across the country, including California with 150,000 workers, Florida with 94,000, Geo-

rgia with 80,000, New York 54,000, Ohio 55,000, Pennsylvania 66,000 and Texas 130,000. In NH there are about 8,000 federal workers at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard who are under threat of

losing jobs. The shipyard services our nuclear submarines who deploy in defense of our country.

Please note about 30% of federal workers are veterans, including

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Conflict of Interest Policy Discussed by School Board

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board had a discussion regarding its conflict of interest policy during a special meeting on March 10.

School Board Chair Bob Slater said the reason they brought it up is because School Board member Kevin Gray was approached by the Mid-

dle School the week prior to see if he would have some spare time to coach the boys lacrosse team.

Slater explained that they have been trying to find a coach for the upcoming season, but they haven't been able to find one up to that point.

"They have no luck as of today," Slater said during the meeting.

Slater explained that

they need to have their attorney look at their current policy, in order to allow Gray to be able to coach. He said that he had a conversation with the attorney who said he would look at the RSAs to make sure there isn't anything that would prevent a school board member from coaching under state law.

He explained that their current policy essentially says you can't be an employee of the school district while also serving on the school board.

"So what was brought up is could he be a volunteer coach on an

emergency case basis and could we put that into the policy," Slater said during the meeting.

Slater explained during the meeting that he wanted to get a consensus from the School Board to see if they felt comfortable with their attorney putting together a revised policy for the March 25 meeting.

He noted that a lot of the board members are involved with sports and activities and that he didn't want to make it so the 50 or more middle school lacrosse players couldn't play this year because they don't have a coach.

School Board member Tim Porter said in his view, it is similar to when they try to get different bids, but aren't successful, and have to go with the bid that they receive.

It was noted by Slater that they may have to go down the route of not having three policy readings until mid April.

Superintendent Dan Black said one option could be to waive the

policy for a certain period of time, which Slater said he would talk to their attorney about.

Slater said they have seen other sports where there is a struggle to find coaches for different sports as of recently.

"It's really a tough time," Slater said.

The School Board agreed to have a revised proposed policy brought to the School Board for the March 25 meeting.

OBITUARY

Rodney Warren Forrest



Rodney Warren Forrest, 77, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2025, at his residence. Born on Dec. 13, 1947, in New Brunswick, NJ, he was the son of the late Warren and Adelaide (Bourne) Forrest. Rodney was a longtime resident of Londonderry, where he and his beloved wife, Margaret "Peggy" Elizabeth Forrest, built a loving family and a strong connection to the community. Peggy predeceased him in 2022.

Rodney is survived by his two sons, John Forrest and his wife Emily Whitehead, and James Forrest and his wife Joanne Forrest; six grandchildren, Sara, Jack, Ryan, Emerson, Ivory, and Jaxson; and one great-grandchild, Allison. He is also survived by his siblings, Bruce Forrest, Keith Forrest, Dwight Forrest, and Leslie Cucino, as well as extended family and dear friends.

A devoted father, Rodney took immense pride in his sons' achievements and always supported their endeavors in athletics, music, family, and careers. He warmly welcomed his daughters-in-law into the family, cherishing them as his own. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren and great-grandchild, who brought him endless joy.

Rodney served his country in the USAF from 1967-1970. He was also an active and dedicated member of the Londonderry community. He played a crucial role in the Londonderry Athletic and Field Association, helping to design and install multiple athletic fields throughout the town. His passion for youth sports extended beyond his own sons' participation - he spent countless hours coaching, umpiring, and serving on the association's board, ensuring future generations had opportunities to play and grow.

In addition to his contributions to youth athletics, Rodney was a strong supporter of the Londonderry High School Marching Band and Friends of Music. He eagerly assisted with fundraising efforts and chaperoned numerous trips during John and James' high school years, helping students pursue their musical passions.

Following cremation, the family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to The Londonderry High School Friends of Music: www.lancermusic.org. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARY

Paulina M. Backman



Paulina M. Backman, 95, of Hooksett, NH, formerly of Londonderry, NH, passed away Tuesday March 11, 2025. She was born on Feb. 4, 1930 in Londonderry, NH, a daughter of the late Raymond and Marie (Lessard) Hall. Paulina loved gardening and cooking. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by her four children, Michael Backman and his wife Stephaine, Dyanna Stewart, Darlene Fraser and husband Buddy, and Deborah Bullard and husband Richard, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Glenn Backman in 2000 and her daughter Donna Fraser.

Following cremation, graveside services will be held in Pleasant View Cemetery, Mammoth Rd., Londonderry in the spring. The date and time will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hanover Hill Nursing Facility, 700 Hanover St., Manchester, NH 03104.

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many who are fellow Navy veterans.

Small private sector businesses across the country are being severely impacted by cuts to federal programs and

the termination of federal contracts. About 7.5 million small company jobs are dependent on federal contracts. Elimination of these jobs could have a disastrous impact on our economy.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Kenneth Francis Duchene



Kenneth Francis Duchene, 86, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH, surrounded by the loving embrace of his wife, Suzie. Born on April 11, 1938 in Faribault, MN, Ken was the son of Raymond and Isabelle (Carpenter) Duchene Newcombe. He was predeceased by his first wife, Patricia Hobin, and his second wife, Delores Boyer.

Ken graduated from Faribault High School in 1956, where he was a proud member of the Faribault Falcon Wrestling Team. After high school, he served in the U.S. Army. Ken later lived in New Ulm, MN before relocating to Cedar Lake, where he cherished countless hours of fishing and hunting with family and friends. Throughout his life, Ken embraced adventure, traveling to places like Mexico, Germany, and Ireland. Known for his patience and kind spirit, Ken left a lasting impact on everyone he met. He was also an active member of the American Legion and Moose Clubs.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Suzie (Hanko) Duchene; his daughters, Rebecca Arndt, and Jennifer Haymaker (husband, Thomas); his son, Rollie Duchene (and his wife, Beth; deceased); three stepchildren, Brice Boyer (and wife, Paula), Brenda Elthon (deceased) (her husband, Dwight), and Curtis Cabaniss (and his wife, Michelle-Lee); as well as his grandchildren: Kaitlin (Duchene) Carlson, Aaron Duchene, Tony Arndt, Tim Arndt, and Eric Tauer.

Ken's beloved siblings: Robert (deceased) and sister-in-law Gerry Duchene, Gerald (deceased) Duchene, Don and sister-in-law Ceil Duchene of Faribault, MN. Walter (deceased) and sister-in-law Nori Duchene of Yankton, MN, Sharon and brother-in-law Gerry Mangold of Faribault, MN and Shirley (deceased) Amundson.

Additionally, Ken leaves behind the Naughton, Caron, and Hobin families, along with many cousins, extended family members, and countless friends who will miss him dearly.

A life celebration will be held later in New Ulm, MN, where family and friends will gather to honor his memory. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Article For Full-Day Kindergarten Rejected by Voters

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Voters in Londonderry have once again rejected a warrant article to add full-day kindergarten in Londonderry on a 2,159 to 1,661 vote.

Since it would require the school district to go out for a bond, the ballot measure required a positive 2/3 majority vote in order to be approved by the voters.

The article needed 2,292 out of the 3,820 votes that were cast.

The proposed pro-

ject this year was significantly less than the project and warrant article proposed last year, which was also rejected by the voters, failing to reach the 2/3 vote needed.

"We listened to the voters from last March's vote, there was strong interest in full-day kindergarten but not enough," Superintendent Dan Black said previously.

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

"We compromised

there was feedback that the current district office lease needs to be solved as well," Black said, noting that in order to get support for full-day kindergarten they expect they would need to address the district office issue.

The estimated tax impact for year one would have been 4 cents, 12 cents in year two, and 12 cents in year three if the project was approved by voters.

"Here we are this year with an option for

full-day kindergarten and to solve our lease with the district office," School Board Chair Bob Slater said during the Deliberative Session.

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

By August 2026 they would have full-day kindergarten at Matthew Thornton, North School, and South School.

Black explained that

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

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

In addition to the cost of the project, the district would also be saving about 85 percent on the additional personnel needed compared to last

year's proposed project.

School Board member Tim Porter, during the Deliberative Session, noted that they would have been able to save money on the lease for the District Office if the warrant article is approved, and they will receive additional state aid, along with being able to save on the mid-day bus runs.

It is unclear what steps will be taken by the school district following the failed warrant article this year.

One of Two Librarian Warrant Articles Fail at Election

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While a warrant article on the ballot to add a full-time children's librarian at the Leach Library was rejected by voters during the March 11 election, voters approved a warrant article to add a part-time children's librarian.

The full-time librarian warrant article stated:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$122,165 for the salary and benefits associated with adding a full-time Children's Librarian. If this article passes, this appropria-

tion will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years."

Town Council Chair Chad Franz was one of the Town Councilors who voted against recommending the warrant article, saying during the Deliberative Session that he felt a more "scaled approach" for the position would be more appropriate.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn said in the current economic environment "I don't think we should be proposing this."

Voters voted 2,276 to 1,422 against the warrant article.

Library Board of Trustees Chair Helen Palmieri at the Deliberative Session said they are often understaffed for the children's room at the library because they only have one person in the position.

She said that they are looking to support what is clearly becoming a "clear need of the community," noting that

they have a lot of patrons.

Palmieri also explained that it's important to have someone there full-time for safety reasons, noting that they have to move staff there sometimes from other areas.

It was noted during the Deliberative Session by Library Director Erin Matlin that they currently have eight full-time

positions at the library and nine part-time positions.

The warrant article for a part-time position stated:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,310 for the purpose of adding a part-time Children's Librarian, this position will not be eligible for insurance or part of the NH

Retirement System. If warrant article number 28 passes, this warrant article will be null and void. Should warrant article 28 fail, and this warrant article passes, this appropriation will be part of both the operating and default budget in future years."

Voters approved the warrant article on a 1,920 to 1,771 vote.

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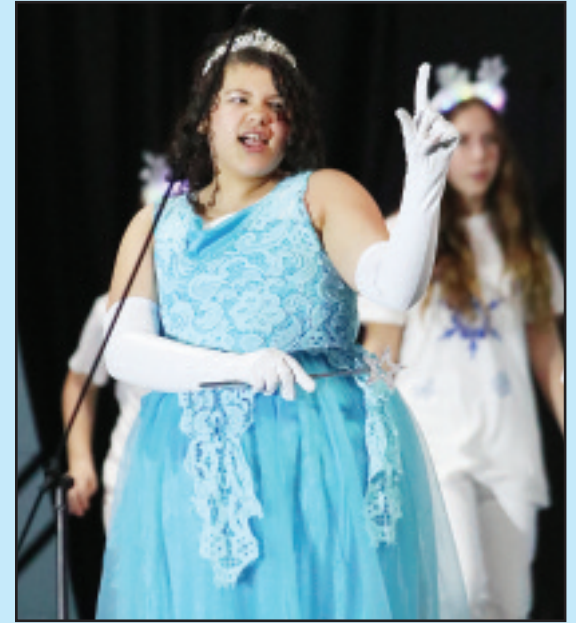
North School Drama Club Performs Chilly Musical



Students at North Elementary School performed the musical "The Legend of Polar Mountain" last week with two shows on Thursday, March 13.

The cast performed in the afternoon for fellow students and had an evening show for family and friends.

The Musical Director was Lori Bernier and Claire Tighe as the Assistant Director. The show's main cast were: Isabella Foster, Delancy Grimshaw, Ava MacInnis, Thomas Lockhart, Vincent DeShiro and Isabella Sabatino. *Photos by Chris Paul*





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Local Theatre Groups Perform “The Prom” in Derry



The Kids Coop and Actors Cooperative Theatre groups performed “The Prom” at the Derry Opera House over the weekend. Nearly 20 local actors performed three shows directed by Angelica Forcier Rosenthal, Breanne Battey, Music and choreographed by Rose Chaffe. Malia Smith, Adri Dionne, Erin Balestrieri, Ro Gavin Spellman, Jesse Drake and Mackenzie Goodwin played the lead characters in the musical. Photos by Chris Paul

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Fall to Bulldogs in DI State Championship

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It wasn't the ending fans of the Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team were hoping for, but the Lancers made a very good run at the State Title on Saturday, March 15, falling 50-44 to the

Bedford Bulldogs at the University of New Hampshire.

Londonderry had the difficult task of unseating the Division I reigning champs, the Lady Bulldogs, who have been in the finals for four consecutive years and won last year.

The Lancers came into the game as the number two seed by winning all but one game and heading into the championship they sat at 20-1. The team's only loss was to Bedford, a 53-60 defeat at the end of the regular season.

The rematch was slightly closer, but the Lancers were playing from behind the entire game. They managed to get within three-points late in the fourth quarter, but inevitably came up six-points shy.

The Bulldogs led by two-points, 10-12 after one quarter, and LHS trailed 25-18 by the half-time break.

The trend continued through the third period, with Londonderry staying within eight heading into the final quarter of the game.

In the fourth, the Lady Lancers, made it interesting, getting within three-points with five-minutes left on the clock, but Bedford was able to hold off the attack for the six-point victory.

Junior forward Sammie Sullivan was tightly covered in the game. She scored just four-points in the first half, but eventually was able to break through, mostly on foul shots, to lead the game in baskets. Sullivan finished with 20-points, eight points higher than her competitor, senior Katherine Allard, who had 12-points.

Lancer junior, Brooke Eacrett, finished with 11-points in the game, many of which came in the first half, to help keep the game within reach.

Senior guard, Mia Giampa, was held to just one, three-pointer out of five attempts and finished with seven-points. Sophomore guard, Gemma Murray, was one-of-three outside the arc and had five-points in the game.

This was Bedford's third Division Title since 2020, winning in 2021 and 24. They were runner-ups in 2022 and 23.

Londonderry's last division title was in 2015, when they won two in a row, under the leadership of Nick Theos.

Leading up to the championship game, Londonderry had a 73-29 win over Nashua South in the first round, a 55-41 victory over Salem in the Quarters and a 51-36 win over Windham in the Semifinals.



Getting past the tall Bedford defenders proved to be difficult for senior Reagan Anderson.



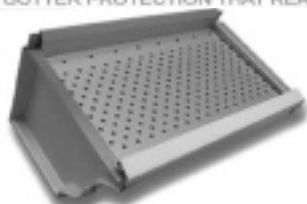
Senior guard, Mia Giampa, was held to just one, three-pointer out of five attempts.

In the Semifinals Sullivan finished with 28-points, including three, half and Giampa put up three-pointers and Mur- five-points.



Sammie Sullivan was heavily guarded throughout the Championship game and finished with 20-points. Photos by Chris Paul

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Varsity Spirit Squad Take Fourth at States, Head to NE's



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Spirit team will be headed to the New England Championships after placing fourth at the Winter Spirit Finals on Thursday night.

The Lancers scored a 90.4 for the fourth spot, but technically the team placed third, since one of the teams had a young man on the team, giving them first-place in the co-ed division.

The Dover Green Wave had an overall first-place finish with 101.4-points. Pinkerton Academy took second with 99.1 and Windham placed third with 90.6., just two-tenths of a point ahead of LHS.

At the Preliminaries earlier in the week, the Astros took first-place with 103.5-points, the Dover Green Wave was second, with 101-points, the Alvirne Broncos captured third-place at 95.5, the Windham Jaguars finished in fourth 92.9 and the Lancers got the final spot with 90.1, just three-tenths of a point in front of Salem.

According to the coaches, during the Prelims, the team excelled in their stunting categories, and had room for improvement in tumbling and jumps which they did at the States.

The Lancers excelled in tumbling and jumps, and had a couple mistakes in their stunts on the Pinkerton Academy mats.

The team's coach, Michelle Sharp, was happy with the results, saying, "We are so proud of this team. They have trusted the process and created a positive environment within themselves. Their camaraderie has made them a joy to coach."

The Lancers other coach, Chelsea Dennis, was also excited about the opportunity, saying, "We are so excited to have qualified for New England's and have the opportunity for this team to compete one more time. We are grateful for the chance for

them to excel overall, and see how far their best can take them."

New England's will take place on Saturday, March 22, at Worcester State University in Massachusetts.

Team members are:

Seniors, Ilee Cavallo, Kelsey Keegan, Isabelle Robinson; Junior Skyler Pfaff; Sophomores, Lillianna Dunne, Skyler Greenwood, Ava Hatchell, Lyla Kullman, Sophia MacLean, Emma Stowell, Sayde Thompson and Gabriella Wrisley; Freshman, Michelle Chin, Anabelle Hatchell, Farrah Stsauveur, Selena Welch and Samantha Yianakopolos.

The team's coaches are: Michelle Sharp, Chelsea Dennis and Rose Thorpe.

Pento Takes Second at NE's

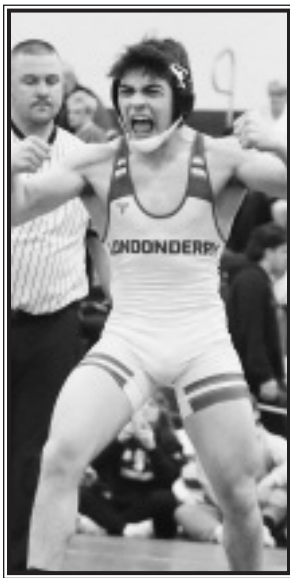
CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Senior Londonderry High School wrestler David Pento, Jr. went 3-1 at the New England Championships recently, taking second place in that prestigious event.

Pento had first place finishes in both the DI Championship and the MOCs in the Granite State in the 175-weight class and entered the N.E. tournament as the number three seed.

He started the event in the Round of 16 where he handed a 15-0 Tech Fall to the #19 seed.

In the Quarters, Pento faced the #6 seed, where he got another



David Pento, Jr.

Tech Fall (16-1).

In the semis, against the #2 seed, the LHS senior battled to a 14-5

Major Decision.

His only loss of the month came from the #1 seed, Preston Marchesseault, of Ponaganset High School in R.I. had a 4-0 win for the N.E. Championship.

According to coach Mark Williams' "While Cody Byrd and Jean-Luc Lemieux both won the tournament in their senior and junior years respectively, Pentos record cements David as one of, if not the best, to ever put on a Londonderry singlet."

He finishes as a three-time DI and MOC Champ, and a four-time New England's place winner and making it to the semis every year.

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Chili and Chowder Cookoff

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will hold its 8th Annual Chili Chowder Cookoff Contest on Saturday, March 22 from 4:30 - 6 p.m., at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry NH. Entrants can bring in their best chili or chowder. Kids can enter their dessert creations in the Kids' Dessert Competition. Cooks will face off and attendees will enjoy sampling the entries. Celebrity judges will present awards for best overall chili/chowder and kids' dessert. Attendees will vote to for the People's Choice and Kids Choice awards. The afternoon will also include treasure-filled pinatas, country and western themed entertainment and gift raffles. Attendees are invited for a \$15 donation (\$7 for children 10 and under). Registration for cooks is at 4:15 p.m. For more information, please visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/>.

Comedy Night

The Londonderry Wo-

men's Club is hosting a Comedy Night Fundraiser on Thursday, March 27, at Chunky's in Manchester. This exciting event promises a night of laughter, fun, and community spirit, with all proceeds supporting the club's programs and initiatives. In addition to comedy acts, attendees can participate in raffles featuring prizes donated by local businesses, including Lottery Scratch Ticket Basket, Gift Cards to Local Restaurants, 10 Free Subs from Jersey Mikes, and more. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by emailing comedy@londonderrywomensclub.org. For more details and list of comedians, see www.londonderrywomensclub.com/events/comedy-night/.

Family Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat Services

On Friday, April 4, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts. At 6:15 p.m., Book Bubbe, Leslie Kirshman, will read a story. By 6:30 p.m., a fam-

ily Shabbat service will start. All are welcome. Please RSVP to office@etz-hayim.org by March 31. Many thanks to the anonymous donors for covering the cost of the pizza.

Sunday Family Camp

This Etz Hayim Synagogue will meet on Sunday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to Noon. This month learn about Passover. This free monthly program is for ages 4-6. The teacher uses a mix of music, crafts and games to introduce students to the Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew. The program is free, and no membership is required. Please RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by Friday, April 4 to ensure enough materials for the project.

The Camera As A Weapon

On Thursday, April 10, from 7 - 8 p.m., Tom White, Coordinator of Educational Outreach, Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, will discuss how photojournalism, not just print journalism, be-

came a respected arbiter of "fact" with the liberation of the camps. A potential pitfall in teaching about the Holocaust is using Holocaust imagery without ever teaching students how to evaluate and decode those images. Nazi photographers were designated as "weapons" of the Nazi effort, and their images continue to have power to shape the narrative in ways that serve the perpetrator. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreff15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

2nd Night Community Passover Seder

On Sunday, April 13, from 6 - 8 p.m., join Etz Hayim Synagogue to recount the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. There will be a catered vegetarian Seder consisting of appetizers, including gefilte fish with horseradish, vegetable matzo ball soup, stuffed peppers with farfel & vegetables, vegetarian carrot tzimmes, potato kugel and Passover desserts. This second night Seder has been an Etz Hayim tradition for over 30 years! Due

Student of the Month



The Londonderry High School - House 3 Student of the Month is sophomore Meryl Mason. Recently, she showcased her exceptional talent as Vi Moore in Londonderry High School's production of Footloose. Meryl excels academically while balancing the rigorous demands of her studies and a talented theatrical ensemble. Her outstanding performance and dedication to excellence make her a deserving recipient of this honor.

Courtesy Photo

to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the charge is only \$18 per adult member, \$23 per adult non-member, with children under 13 free. RSVP by Friday, April 4, by 4:30 p.m. To RSVP and prepay, please visit www.etzhayim.org.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: May 7, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile

must bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess or cannot produce proof of domicile may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications.

VA Information Day

American Legion Post 27 is partnering with the Manchester VA Medical Center to host a VA Information Day on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. - noon at 6 Sargent Rd, Londonderry. This event is open to all veterans, regardless of whether they are members of Post 27 or reside in Londonderry. Representatives from the VA will be on-site to answer questions, assist with enrollment, and address ongoing

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True Crime Book Discussion

Come to the library on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Michelle McNamara's award-win-

ning true crime book, I'll Be Gone in the Dark. Refreshments will be served. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Feb. 17. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the library. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Green Team Speaker Series

The Green Tem is hosting a series of Free educational presentations at the Londonderry YMCA. Seed Starting on March 27 at 6:30 p.m., during this workshop, attendees will learn the benefits and best practices for starting plants from seeds and cuttings. Container Gardening on April 24 6:30 p.m., attendees will learn the benefits and drawbacks of gardening in containers, as well as important techniques for successful growing. All are welcome to attend for

more information see the groups facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/greenteamlondonderry or email Marge at marge@margebadois.com.

Memoir Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, April 3 at 11 a.m. to discuss Trevor Noah's memoir Born a Crime. Refreshments will be served. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, March 3. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the library. Register online or by calling the library at (603) 432-1132.

Free Meals

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - March 10

7:35 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Norwich Place.

8:24 a.m. Arrest(s) made by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

9:18 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

4:18 p.m. Services Rendered for a Complaint on Bridle Path, at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

10:04 p.m. Motor vehicle complaint leads to an arrest made on Mammoth Road at Adams Road. Thomas Walsh, 82, of Hudson, charged with: Operating a vehicle without a Valid License - License Required.

Tuesday - March 11

2:54 a.m. Four officers investigate Suspicious Activity on Otterson Road at Mammoth Road.

4:08 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

10:19 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Pipe Dream Brewing on Harvey Road.

11:01 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:47 p.m. Welfare Check on Norwich Place re-

sults in transportation to a hospital.

11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to arrest(s) made on Route 93 at the southbound on-ramp.

Wednesday - March 12

7:45 a.m. Services Rendered for a Burglary on Rockingham Road.

8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road, at Horizon Drive, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Alissa Piazza, 30, of Merrimack, charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension.

3:43 p.m. Criminal Mischief Investigated on Pettengill Road at Industrial Drat Tesla

10:13 p.m. Four officers render services for a report of a Prowler on Hall Road.

Thursday - March 13

1:27 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on High Range Road, at Royal Lane, leads to an arrest. Jack Mitchell Pelletier, 26, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

9:02 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Andrews Road, at Wakefield MA. Tyler Allen McNulty, 22, of Wakefield, MA, charged with: Two counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or

Bodily Injury).

8:15 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry South Elementary School.

9:42 a.m. Missing Person investigated on Ashley Drive.

5:36 p.m. Services Rendered for a Brush Fire on Gary Drive.

7:16 p.m. Arrest made by five officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Parmenter Road. David Heath, 62, of Londonderry, charged with two counts of Criminal Mischief.

10:13 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Parmenter Road.

Friday - March 14

4:07 a.m. Domestic Disturbance on Bockes Road

investigated by four officers.

8:30 a.m. Medical Emergency, transported to a hospital from Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

11:09 a.m. Disturbance at Manchester Boston Regional Airport investigated by three officers.

1:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Wendy's on Nashua Road.

4:25 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Parmenter Road.

5:31 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Parmenter Road.

6:44 p.m. Three officers serve warrants and make an arrest on Rocco Drive. Jacob Daniel McClory, 18, of Londonderry, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault, Bodily or Physical Contact).

8:24 p.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check at the MacGregor

Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Saturday - March 14

12:57 a.m. Seven officers make an arrest after a motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at Page Road. Matthew Webster, 39, of Derry, charged with: Stalking - Domestic Violence; Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); and two counts of Resisting Arrest/Detention.

1:41 p.m. Six officers conduct a Welfare Check on Winding Pond Road.

4:55 p.m. Three officers Keep the Peace on Bridle Path, at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

10:20 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Griffin Road at Mammoth Road.

11:48 p.m. Services ren-

dered for a Brush Fire on Capitol Hill Drive.

Sunday - March 15

1:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check on Nashua Road, at Commons Plaza, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Helen Perez, 25, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road, at Buttrick Road leads to an arrest. Pamela Marquis, 52, of Londonderry, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Driving After Revoke/Suspension; and Driving Without Giving Proof.

11 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call Investigated by three officers on Cata-mount Road.

OBITUARY

Lisa Diane Smith



Lisa Diane Smith of Bedford, NH was found to have passed away on March 5, 2025. For her, this unexpected ending marked the beautiful beginning of the all-things-made-new life that Lisa longed for.

Lisa was born in Rochester, NY, to Robert and Margaret Bridges along with siblings Susan, Mark, Laurie Jo, and Cindy. Lisa met her husband, Terry Smith, at Vanderbilt and soon after began a long teaching career in special education.

For more than 30 years, Lisa developed individualized education plans to help each student reach their full potential. Some years, she was given responsibility for as many as 70 students, and she frequently worked long into the night to ensure all her kids received the support they needed.

Lisa was a selfless and caring parent to her son Josh and daughter-in-law Rebekah, a doting Grandma to Naomi, and a bulwark of trust and wisdom for her friends. She prayed for others as long and as fervently as anyone in her family has ever known.

Lisa may have encountered some heart trouble and likely died from hypothermia in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Friends remember how Lisa's personal experiences and love for God informed her discernment and compassion. They reflect on her selflessness, her love of entertaining, and the confidences she kept. And like Jesus, Lisa sought to love and serve the marginalized.

Bekah remembers how Lisa was always so quick to remind us about hope and the unseen. Naomi fondly recalls early morning tea parties with Grandma. And Josh remembers a woman of tremendous strength and virtue whose devotion to family, friends, and even strangers pictured Jesus's love for all of us.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, March 13, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium.

Lisa's celebration of life was held on Friday, March 14, at Orchard Christian Fellowship. She will be buried in the spring in the Bedford Center Cemetery, Bedford, NH.

Donations in memory of Lisa may be made to Southern Sudan Hope Foundation, operated by her dear friend Ageth. <https://southernsudanhope.org/shop/>

To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Grace O'Neil



October 26, 1943 – March 8, 2025
Grace O'Neil (Caruso), 81, of Windham, NH, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025, in Windham, NH. She was born and raised in Fitchburg, MA, the youngest daughter of Mathew Caruso and Irene (Berube) Caruso. Grace was a longtime resident of Londonderry, NH.

Raised in Fitchburg, MA, Grace attended St. Bernard's High school and went on to graduate from Rivier College in Nashua with a degree in education. She was proud to continue her education and earned her master's degree from Notre Dame College in Manchester, NH, setting the example for her daughters and grandchildren on the importance of education.

She celebrated a career that lasted over 30 years as a third and fourth grade teacher at Matthew Thornton Elementary School in Londonderry, NH where she was known as Mrs. Masse and Mrs. O'Neil. Grace is remembered for saying she had the best job in the world and looked forward to going to work each day. She felt truly fortunate to love her job. One of the highlights of her career came in the years that followed her retirement when she'd be approached by adults saying, "Do you remember me, you were my favorite teacher!"

Once retired, Grace enjoyed reading, traveling to Aruba, winning at the casino, snuggling her dog, Kodi, working on her tan, spending time with her daughters, and being the best and most involved Grammy to her five grandchildren. A favorite memory of her grandchildren is the sleepovers at Grammy's house, where there would be late night movies, popcorn and sweet treats, French toast in the morning...and a promise made not to tell their parents how much she spoiled them while they were there. Grace lives on in her family who she loved dearly. She'll be missed by her two daughters, Corinne Foglia and her husband, David, Kristen McCormick and her husband, Wayne, five grandchildren Shannon (Foglia) Brandy and husband, Dylan, Mark Foglia and fiancée Kaylee, Sean McCormick and fiancée Carrie, Kelley McCormick, and Katelyn McCormick, one great grandson Jackson Brandy, sisters Irene Fortin and husband Ralph Fortin, and Theresa Spagnuola. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Mary Caruso, and brother Mathew.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Sunday, March 16, 2025, with a memorial service in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH.

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Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows up to three lines of text with 15 characters per line, making it a meaningful way to honor a veteran, loved one, organization, or group. Pricing: 1 Brick: \$125, 2 Bricks: \$225, 3 Bricks: \$300, Each Addi-

tional Brick: \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout, along with the order form, are attached. For more information, email salpost27@gmail.com.

Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces Free community child find program for all residents ages two 1/2 yrs (2.5) through five yrs., 11 months (5.11) of age who are suspected of have developmental concerns child find will be held at: Moose Hill School 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry.

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