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All Caught Up

Members of the South School Drama Club have been busy rehearsing the play "Finding Nemo Jr." for the shows taking place on Friday and Saturday. See more on page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

Conservation Commission Get \$750K in Gilcreast Sale

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on March 11 with announcements being made that included their portion of the sale of 35 Gilcreast Road and the fact that they had narrowed down the general design for the boat launch to be built at Sco-

bie Pond.

Commissioners discussed the formal closure of the property at 35 Gilcreast Road. Following a lengthy sale process regarding development rights.

The properties development rights were originally bought by taxpayers in the mid-2000s and the recent transaction

had the current developer pay \$2,650,000 to the town.

"The property on Gilcreast, below where you go into McDonalds and Home Depot, there was an old, abandoned orchard and the person who owned it at one time had sold the development rights and now

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Town & School Elections See 21% Voter Turnout

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council was briefed on the recent March election, during the most recent Town Council meeting.

"I think it's important to publicly recognize all the people behind the scenes who make our elections run," Londonderry Town Moderator Jonathan Kipp said during the meeting.

He explained that there are a number of people who help out with all of the elections including the election workers who show up and spend the day helping out, along with the school district, which he said has been a good

partner, along with all the different departments within the Town who help out with the election each year.

"I just wanted to publicly recognize all of those folks," Kipp said.

Kipp explained that during the most recent March election, they had 3,752 voters "come through the door and that includes 30 same day registrants."

"When we add in the 190 absentee voters our total participation was 3,922 which is 21% of our 18,699 voters," he said during the meeting.

Kipp, during the meeting, said that about 20% of voters turning out for elections is about average for them in the

March elections.

"Last year it was 23%, the year before that when we had the snow storm it was 10.6% so the snow obviously had an impact that year," he said.

Londonderry Town Clerk Sherry Farrell said one of the biggest issues is getting people out to vote saying 21% of voters "is really sad."

Farrell during the meeting said it doesn't represent the entire population of voters in town or the population of the Town in general.

"So I ask all of you to help us to really do a better job of getting that information out there," Farrell said during the

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Rules on Public Comment Changed by New Council

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Rules for public comment at Londonderry Town Council meetings were a topic of discussion during the first council meeting after the election on March 17. Going into the meeting the rules of procedure stated:

"The following rules of procedure have been adopted by the Town Council of Londonderry to govern citizen input during public hearings and during "public comment" sessions and may

be enforced at the discretion of the Chair:

- There shall be a time limit for each individual speaker of five, minutes.

- Speakers are not permitted to donate time to other speakers.

- During public hearings, speakers are required to limit their comments to the topic which is before the Council or Board and which is the subject of the hearing.

- During "public comment," speakers are required to limit their comments to matters of

public concern, relating to Town governance.

- Placement on Agenda: Individuals or groups wishing to speak at a regular Council or Board meeting at a time other than a public hearing shall submit a written request to the Town

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Solid Waste Subcommittee Focuses on Resident Education

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee met on March 4 to hear from its sewer and solid waste subcommittee. “Unfortunately, I found out in my conversations that our current vendor in waste management, probably for financial reasons, has no interest in doing residential composting,” said subcommittee chair John Mahon, reviewing their latest meeting. “There are some companies in Londonderry that do that. They will do some residential and business composting now for some select customers and we can put together some informa-

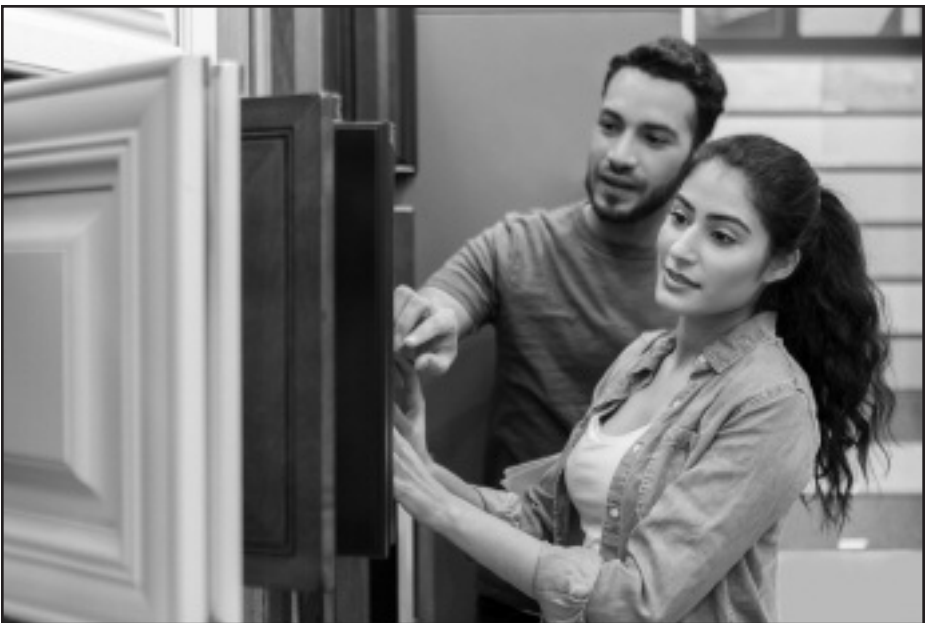
tion on that.” Subcommittee member Joy Muller oversaw a small “audit” where other members would monitor their food waste to get an idea of how much of an impact composting could have on a household. “What we did is we separated out our food waste,” said Muller. “Take it for a week and weigh it. We have like compost bags we put the food waste in, I took all the compost bag, took a big garbage bag, and had my son put it all on a weight to measure it.” Mahon had four pounds for two people, while Muller’s household measured 29

pounds of food waste. She asked other members of the full Utilities Committee to participate to get a better idea of how composting could reduce waste for the average home. “It’s going to be an interesting set of results,” said Committee Chair Lynn Wiles. Mahon and the rest of the sewer and solid waste subcommittee wanted to focus on public education, showing residents of Londonderry what other options they had for addressing solid waste and maintaining septic tanks. “We talked about septic systems and septic system education. Simple things like how

to find your septic system in your backyards,” said Mahon. “The facts are, in Londonderry right now, lots of people have septic systems.” The subcommittee saw such education as especially important to newer residents, many of which have no experience with managing a septic system. They also agreed to put together a list of septic companies, making it easy for residents to find service providers. Other topics like recycling were discussed, including possibly connecting with local high

schools to raise awareness on what can and cannot go into a recycling bin. Solid waste efforts for composting and recycling mainly focused on reducing the amount of material going into local landfills. With no updates from their cable and Internet subcommittee, members of the Utilities Committee prepared to begin working with a new Town Manager in the near future. “Our new Town Manager is the former Town Manager of Lebanon, which is probably the leading city in NH for

things like energy, efficiency, conservation, electric vehicles, land use reform, and more. I don’t know how they managed to catch him, but it’s going to be good for all of us,” state Committee member Michael Speltz. The incoming Town Manager, Shaun Mulholland, will start on June 1. The next meeting of the Utilities Committee is set for Monday, April 1, in the Moose Hill Conference Room. Londonderry residents with any questions or concerns are encouraged to attend.



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town wanted to do.” According to the Chair, the \$750,000 number was now “set in stone” despite some ambiguity in the original language of the agreement implying the amount could be higher. “I don’t know if we can make any judgment until we find out when and where until we locate another piece of conservation land,” said Speltz. Commissioner Deb Lievens wanted to know how the town might determine whether another piece of land was of “equal value” to 35 Gilcrest Road. “How do we equate it?” she asked. Speltz stated their open space plan assigned “a natural resource value to every single parcel in town.” He promised to email a copy of the plan to other members so the Commission could revisit the issue at a later

meeting. “We put a deposit down on the original design of the boat launch, but we’ve since had to make it smaller,” said Commission Chair Marge Badois. “Since at least one resident in that area is in a wheelchair and is interested in fishing, we decided to add what’s called curving on the edge of the launch so a wheelchair won’t roll off the edge and into the water.” The new boat launch will be six feet, seven inches wide, and will not extend into the pond nearly as much as first intended. Without much debate, the Conservation Commission unanimously voted to approve up to an additional \$2,500 from their Open Space fund to cover the remaining cost of the ramp, including the new curving. No completion date for the boat launch was announced.

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March Library Trustee Meeting Addresses Transparency Concerns

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees came together on March 5 to clarify what issues should and should not require a non-public session. Extensive public comments in recent meetings highlighted concerns over library transparency.

"I need to address an item that came up in public comment a couple of months ago," said Trustee Liz Thomas. "It was brought to my attention by Richard Bielinski and a couple of other members of the public that in November, we went into a non-public session. We had a dis-

cussion and, as normal, it was released within 72 hours, but the issue is that certain things are allowed to go into non-public and there are certain things that are not called for."

The session was initially considered an "employee issue" related to coordinating resources with the school district.

"After reviewing it, speaking with a couple of reps, it was determined that it was not a valid reason to go into a non-public session," she said, adding that all minutes of the non-public session are now publicly available. "I just want everyone to know that we are receptive to

you, and we appreciate you."

She admitted that the minutes of that session should have been released within 72 hours of the session. Board members emphasized that meeting minutes were available online for all interested residents.

While reviewing recent meeting minutes, Thomas noted that the January Bylaws subcommittee meeting did not have official minutes because it failed to reach a quorum. The Secretary noted that, unlike other town boards, the Trustees had no alternates.

"We should consider having alternates, we

have the right to have alternates," said Thomas, raising the possibility of adding that to the ongoing discussion of making bylaw changes.

For her report, Treasurer Jan McLaughlin stated that several small errors in the budget had been corrected. She also recommended adjusting budget numbers to reflect spending related to book purchases following public concern over how some line items appeared to be at 100% well before the end of the fiscal year.

"As noted in December, the line item for that group, although it's not clear that it's for other things, was already at

100%," said McLaughlin, who hoped next year's budget could be adjusted to reflect more accurate numbers.

Other budget questions focused on costs related to the library's use of the regional GMILCS system.

"I see that we wrote a check for GMILCS of the Trustee account. Isn't that part of the contracted obligations?" asked Trustee Moira Ryan. "Are we paying that or is the town paying that?"

Assistant Library Director Donna Plante stated that the Board of Trustees paid out onboarding costs related to connecting their library to the GMILCS sys-

tem.

"That was the money that was raised and donated to the Board, and then the Board paid it out, that was the \$24,300 in the budget," Plante explained. "The cost for the membership dues is still coming out of the town budget under dues and subscriptions."

Of that, \$24,300, around \$17,500 came from the Trustees' account, with the rest representing donations received.

The Leach Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room.

Members Pick Ron Dunn as Town Council Chairman

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council had its reorganization meeting on March 17, following the March election.

During the election, Dan Bouchard and Deb Paul were elected to the Town Council.

John Farrell lost his re-election bid and Chad Franz opted not to run for re-election.

One of the few agenda items addressed during the board's first meeting was to pick the new officers for the Town Council.

Ron Dunn was selected to serve as the new

Town Council Chair on a unanimous vote, with no other nominations for the position.

Town Councilor Shawn Faber was selected as the Town Council Vice Chair on a unanimous vote, with no other nominations for the position.

Another agenda item during the reorganization part of the meeting was to pick Town Council liaison assignments.

For the 2025-2026 year, Dunn will serve as the liaison for the Conservation Commission, Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, and Utilities Committee.

Faber will be serving as the liaison for the Budget Committee, and Old Home Day Committee, will be the ex-officio for the Planning Board, and will be the alternate liaison for the School Board.

Combes will be serving as the liaison for the Arts Council, will be serving as the ex-officio for the Heritage Commission, will be serving as the liaison for the Manchester Airport Authority, and as the liaison for the School Board.

Bouchard will be serving as the liaison for the Library Trustees, Senior Resources Com-

mittee, Traffic Safety Committee, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Paul will be serving as the liaison for Beautify Londonderry, Capital Improvements Program Committee, and Recreation Commission, and will be serving as the alternate ex-officio for the Planning Board.

During the meeting, Dunn also noted that his goal is to have the agenda to the Town Coun-

cilors on Thursday afternoons to get feedback from them, with the goal of having it posted by Friday afternoon.

Dunn also noted during the meeting that he saw on the Town Council website that there haven't been revisions to the Council Rules of Order in a number of years, and thought that at the next meeting, they should address it.

He also noted that he

thinks they should come up with a list of goals for the Town Council for the year.

Resident Jonathan Esposito asked if citizens could bring stuff to the Town Council to have it put on the agenda.

"I think on a case-by-case basis, if you contact me, I'd be willing to listen to you," Dunn said.

The next Town Council meeting is set for April 7 at 7 p.m.

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Editorial

Civic Engagement is Necessary

Quality of life can be affected by how we lead our daily lives, interact with each other, and engage in our community. Today, many of us are feeling the weight of the lack of social interactions, and economic shortfalls caused by the lack of volunteerism.

Actions and inactions have costs and consequences. Adding one more thing to our To Do List is not desirable, however that one more thing can be essential, like being involved where it counts. This addition could help our town moving forward into the future to build a better community.

When residents are actively involved in their town and community, they can ensure a better quality of life, not only for themselves but for others as well. This can be achieved through volunteering; volunteers have more impact on our community than one might realize. It makes a difference when residents are engaged in activities such as community improvement organizations, serving as volunteers at the local soup kitchen, helping in the annual town clean-up effort, serving on town boards, running for elected positions, and just showing up at meetings to speak or show support for the ones who are on the boards. These may seem small, but they carry more weight than you think.

Getting started is the hardest part so here are some ways you can get involved Attend your Town

Council, School Board, and budget meetings, really listen and don't be afraid to speak and ask questions (if you were confused chances are good someone else was too). If those aren't your thing, try your local parent-teacher association, Women's club, any youth sports league, or one of the amazing civic groups out there. Pick what speaks to your heart; all of these are very important for a healthy, vibrant, engaged community. Your attendance at meetings and/or serving on different civic groups and various town boards and commissions will help maintain a great quality of life in the area.

It is easy to sit on the sidelines and complain, point out faults, and make posts; the challenge is to engage to make a difference for yourself and your community. It may seem hard, but being civic-minded requires us to be conscious of our community and purposeful about participating in a positive way that helps the town grow and improve.

Instead of letting another year go by being upset about your tax bill that seems to keep going up, or complaining that decisions were made that you did not agree with, show up and have your voice heard, state your ideas, and add your abilities to the mix.

Be civilly engaged benefits everyone now and in the future. We may be a big town but we can still act like a village.

Letters

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All presidents have

made staff appointments for decades without the advice & consent of Congress, Senate or confirmed by the Supreme Court. Obama did so; Biden did so although Biden's mental frailty asks who was making White House decisions?

Trump wants to run the government as efficiently and effectively as we-the-people elected him to do. He's appointed Elon Musk to identify inefficiencies, misuse, misapplication, fraud, corruption in various departments that will save American taxpayers billions if not trillions of dollars. Bloated administrative departments will be down-sized and even eliminated that evolved over decades to become self-governing entities of unelected officials making unaccountable decisions costing we-the-people trillions of dollars paid by your income taxes.

The hatred of Elon Musk and destruction of his Tesla vehicles and businesses by unbalanced individuals is just a tactic to damage Trump. The campus demonstrations and acts of Tesla terrorism are too many to think there is not coordination and monies to support these activities. Who could that be?

It's the goal of behind-the-scenes entities to sow dissension amongst Americans to

negatively impact Republican candidates in 2026 mid-term elections; thus Trump's agenda. What agenda are Democrats offering?

Nothing other than hatred, division and destruction of Trump's agenda of lowering our income taxes, making again our military the best in the world, bringing back businesses from overseas to create job opportunities here, make our streets safer by deporting illegal aliens and closing our borders. What's wrong with that? Yet Democrats rail against Trump. With over 160 ludicrous Democrat-filed lawsuits, Democrats want to slow down or stop Trump's agenda. Slow down it may, but every case getting to the Supreme Court if they make it that far will be overturned. The Constitution is in Trump's corner.

What the hate-filled, lunatic-fringe doesn't understand is that cutting costs and eliminating the misuse, misapplication, fraud and corruption of government spending will save them from ever-increasing income taxes that pay for these inefficiencies.

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Police Receive Duffel Bags from The Suitcase Project

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School sophomore and Miss Capital Area Teen, Megan Plaza, has been continuing her effort of providing essentials to needy children through her efforts with "The Suitcase Project."

Plaza recently teamed up with the Communications and Community Events Leader of the Londonderry Police Department (LPD), captain Patrick Cheetham, to help provide duffel bags to youngsters involved with domestic issues that police may come in contact with.

Earlier this month, Plaza provided the LPD with 25 collapsible duffel

bags that can be stored in the trunk of police cruisers and given to children that may need to be relocated.

According to Cheetham, the bags are small enough to be stored in the trunk and will help children gather items they may need to pack during incidents causing a need for a quick move.

The bags were also packed with "Notes of Encouragement" written by Plaza and Suitcase Project nametags.

The Mission Statement of the organization states, "The Suitcase Project will provide a greater sense of self-esteem, dignity, and belonging. Having a handwritten note filled

with kind and caring words can bring light to a horrible situation. They also show children and families how they have community support, are cared for, and respected."

According to The Suitcase Project website, "In New Hampshire, the average foster child moves 15 times before reaching adulthood. Each move is a challenge, and too often, these children are forced to carry their belongings in trash bags."

"The Suitcase Project is dedicated to restoring foster children's dignity and self-worth by providing them with proper luggage. We collect donations of new and gently used suitcases and duffel bags during outreach events and collaborate

with several non-profit groups to ensure these donations reach the children who need them most."

Plaza developed the concept for the Suitcase Project when she was only 12 years old, and now in her teens she has continued her efforts through her fundraising.

Next month, The Suitcase Project will be partnering with Countryside Florist in a "Spring Floral Workshop."

The event is scheduled for Friday, April 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

A cost of \$55 per person will include all supplies needed for a floral arrangement and each ticket sold will also help to provide one new bag to a child in need.



Megan Plaza loads a duffel bag into a LPD cruiser with captain Patrick Cheetham recently during The Suitcase Project donation.

Photo by Chris Paul

OBITUARY

William R. Bellacini



William R. Bellacini, 82, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday March 18, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Nov. 14, 1942, in New York, NY, a son of the late William and Virginia (Brennan) Bellacini. He had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 38 years. William proudly served his country for over 26 years in the US Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant. Following his military service, William worked for the US Postal Service for 25 years. He was an avid New York Yankees fan, enjoying all New York sports.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Arlene (Walbroehl) Bellacini of Londonderry; two sons, William (Alpa) Bellacini of MacLean, VA, Michael (Terri) Bellacini of Londonderry; four grandchildren, Luke, Ava, Diya, and Jake and brother-in-law John Lamont. He was predeceased by his daughter Carolyn Bellacini in 2016, a brother John Bellacini and sister Barbara Lamont.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, March 23 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, March 24 in St. Mark's Parish. Burial with Military Honors followed in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 or at <https://diabetes.org>.

Election

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Kipp said it was "very, very quiet until 9:30," saying at that point he wondered if they would even get to 10% voter turnout.

However, he explained that after that they had about 300 voters per hour until about 7 p.m.

Kipp explained that they had to manage the long lines at time, primarily due to the length of the ballot.

He noted that they

were able to get an extra machine on site to process the absentee ballots, which was approved by the Secretary

of State.

Kipp also noted that they hosted the Kids Vote initiative and said "We had over 400 kids

come to vote with their parents."

Kipp noted that the school plans on continuing it in the future.

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Planning Board Names Penta as New Vice Chairman

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the Planning Board having its first meeting after the 2025 Town elections, one of the agenda items during the March 12 meeting was in regards to who would be the different Board officers for the next year.

Art Rugg, who served as Vice Chair of the Planning Board for the last year, and who served as Planning Board Chair for many years, immediately nominated Jake Butler for the position of Board Chair.

Butler previously served as the Planning Board Chair for the last year, taking over for Rugg.

With no other nominations for the position during the meeting, Butler became Planning Board Chair once again on a unanimous vote.

Rugg then immediately nominated Jeff Penta to replace him as Planning Board Vice Chair.

Penta previously served as the Assistant Secretary for the Planning Board for the last year and is the current Chair of the Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee.

Penta was not in attendance for the meeting so made no remarks regarding his nomination.

With no other nomination for the position during the meeting, Penta became the Planning Board Vice Chair on a unanimous vote.

"Mr. (Jeff) Penta is now Vice Chair," Butler said following the vote.

For Planning Board Secretary, Lynn Wiles was once again nominated for the position, being nominated by Rugg to remain in the position for the next year.

Wiles then nominated Rugg to serve as the Planning Board Assistant Secretary for the next year.

"Let's get off to another year here," Butler said following the officer elections.

Another agenda item during the meeting was to make different appointments for liaisons to different committees.

One of the appointments was once again making Rugg the liaison for the Heritage Commission.

Another appointment that had to be made was for the Capital Improve-

ment Committee.

Butler, who did it last year, said he and Penta, who also served on the Committee last year, were looking for new people to take over the position.

It was ultimately decided that Wiles and Rugg would serve on the Committee from the Planning Board after no one else was interested.

It was undetermined who the Liaison to the Planning Board would be from the Town Council since there were two new members of the

Town Council following the election last week.

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron, noted during the meeting, that they also had a vacancy on the Master Plan Steering Committee.

"You have a vacant seat on the master plan subcommittee that is the resistant seat," Caron said.

The two applicants were Ray Breslin and Lisa Sussman

Butler said he would rather wait until Penta is at the meeting before making a decision since

he is the Chair of the with.

Master Plan Steering The next Planning Committee, which the Board meeting is set for rest of the Board agreed April 2 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Margaret "Peg" Connell

Jan. 24, 1948 - Jan. 14, 2025



Peg Connell, age 76, passed away peacefully in Miami, FL, surrounded by family members and great love. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hamilton and Jane Johnson, loving husband, Jim Connell, sister, Penny Johnson, and nieces Diane Clymer and Susan Potok.

Peg is survived by her daughter, Marsha DiDomenico, sisters Lin (Rich) Clymer and Deb (Jess) Larson, brother Mark (Maky) Johnson, brother-in-law Rob (Bolaji) Potok, three grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Peg was the "well adjusted middle child," growing up in Silver Lake, OH. There, she enjoyed an idyllic childhood and active lifestyle that overflowed with friends and school success. In 1964, the Johnson family relocated to East Grand Rapids, MI where Peg completed her final two years of high school before heading to Beloit College in Wisconsin. As was her style, Peg flourished both academically and socially, earning a degree in Psychology and making cherished friends along the way that would remain close and connected throughout the decades that followed.

In 1968, Peg began her professional career as a revenue officer for the IRS in NY. There, she held various positions in the collection division until 1985 when she was selected chief, for the field branch in Baltimore. In 1987, she was named assistant chief of the collection division in Dallas and in 1989 was appointed chief, collection division in Baltimore. After completing the IRS Executive Selection and Development program in 1992, Peg was named director of taxpayer service and compliance in the office of the assistant commissioner (international), the position she held until her final appointment. Rounding out her career, Peg served as the assistant director of the IRS Newark District. There, she assisted the director in all federal tax matters in Newark, where in fiscal year 1993 individual, corporate and other taxpayers filed over 7 million federal tax returns and paid \$54 billion in taxes.

Peg was the consummate organizer, leader and go-getter who could always be counted on to attend to every detail, whether in her professional or personal life. Yet despite her many, many accolades and awards, Peg remained humble and devoted not only to her work, but to her family, friends or anyone who needed help. She was an inspiration to anyone lucky enough to know her.

Peg's final move was to Londonderry, NH or "The Shire" as she called it. She and Jim loved New England, their small town and giving up frequent moves. In Londonderry, Peg put her abundant energy to good use, serving on ALERT (A Londonderry Emergency Response Team) where she assisted local authorities in keeping her town running smoothly, safe and secure.

Peg loved being outside, especially canoe camping with her husband, boating, playing with her labradors, snowmobiling in the Adirondacks, kayaking, swimming, tending her beautiful yard or painting anything that needed some attention! It was a joyful workout keeping up with Peg! Even before her official retirement,

Peg was a world traveller, planning every detail for any and all companions and excursions. Given her enthusiastic lifestyle, it was only fitting that Peg should end her earthly journey doing something she loved with someone she loved: snorkeling with daughter, Marsha. As she wished, Peg will be interred with her husband and alongside her parents in Grand Rapids, MI. At that time, a private, graveside service will be held.

Peg's life was one of perseverance, love and extraordinary experiences. She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew her.

OBITUARY

John J. Gould



It is with great sadness we announce that John J. Gould, 77, of Fort Mill, SC, passed away peacefully on Friday March 14, 2025. He was born on Dec. 11, 1947, in Boston, MA, a son of the late George and Winifred Gould. He had been a resident of Fort Mill, SC for over the past two years, formerly living in Londonderry, NH and Revere, MA.

John was devoted to his family and loved spending time with them enjoying the New England outdoors - never missing the annual camping trip. He also cherished watching his grandchildren play sports and teaching them to fish. When he wasn't spending time with family, he was an avid bird enthusiast.

John is survived by his two sons, Gregory Rowan-gould (wife Dana) and Jonathan Gould (wife Johanna); two daughters, Heidi Gould (husband Keith Fidler) and Jenny Gould; six grandchildren, Alena and Mara Rowan-gould, Samuel and George Gould, Deborah (Fidler) Nie-man and Chris Fidler, and; three great grandchildren, Justin, Brooklyn and Lucas Fidler.

He was predeceased by his soulmate and loving wife of 49 years, Mary E. Gould, along with his brother, George Gould; two sisters, Winifred Deluca and Marilyn Thompson.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 2 - 4 p.m., with a service at 4 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NH Audubon -<https://nhaudubon.org/donate/make-a-donation>. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Utilities Committee Focuses on Energy Efficiency Improvements

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The March 4 meeting of the Londonderry Utilities Committee saw its Chair Lynn Wiles discuss the possible impact of a new statewide law aimed at creating more energy-efficient, multi-unit housing.

"The bill was talking about tax incentives for energy efficiency projects being put into multi-family housing situations," said Wiles.

Liaison and state representative Ron Dunn confirmed the bill recently passed through the NH Legislature and had been signed by Gov-

ernor Ayotte.

"It was a bipartisan bill to help housing," said Dunn, who cautioned that he was not directly involved in crafting the law. "I am not an expert on the bill, I don't want to pretend to be, but I do know, that everybody wanted it."

The Utilities Commit-

tee considered asking representative Doug Thomas, who was involved in passing the bill, to a future meeting.

"It would be nice if Doug could come to our meeting," said Vice-Chair Martha Smith, who asked Dunn to pass on the invitation.

Speaking for the energy subcommittee, Wiles hoped to see positive results for the ongoing "Eversource energy audit" across Londonderry.

"We've been working with Eversource and we have JDF Associates as engineering consultants, who are authorized by Eversource to come into the town and look at the town buildings," explained subcommittee member Paul Ramsey. "We're looking to coordinate with the Public Works Director to make that happen."

The initial study will have no impact on taxpayers, though it is technically covered by Ever-

source and ratepayers. When complete, it will generate a list of recommendations to improve energy efficiency in town-owned facilities.

"In those recommendations, you typically see a list of items that can save the town in energy costs, and they'll also give us an idea if there are rebates associated with any efficiency initiatives," Ramsey continued. "In everyone's electric bill today, my understanding is there's a line called a 'system's benefit charge.' That amount of money is set aside for a variety of reasons, one of which is this program to fund it and provide rebates to users to make electricity more efficient."

There were no immediate plans to conduct an energy audit of school infrastructure. The Utilities Committee did offer to share auditing information with the School Board if and when the topic arises.

As energy use was considered a central part of the ongoing Master Plan, several members of the Utilities Committee warned against overlapping responsibilities with the Master Plan Steering Committee.

"My main concern is that while we work on the energy Master Plan, we avoid wasting our time duplicating work gathering data that's going to be done in some other part of the town," said Committee member Mike Speltz.

Smith, who served on the Steering Committee, promised to prevent duplication.

"The Master Plan is going to be an overall picture of where we think we want to get ahead. It's not going to get into the nitty-gritty details," she explained, describing the Master Plan as a vehicle to make "recommendations" to the governing bodies in Londonderry.

Rules

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Manager or Board Chair as well as the Administrative Assistant. The Chair of the Council or the Board retains the discretion to allow or deny permission on the agenda.

- The following conduct is prohibited:

- Using profanity or vulgar language or gestures;

- Using language that is likely to lead to a disturbance or disorder, because it insults or demeans any person or which, when directed at a public official or employee is not related to his/her official duties; however, citizens have the right to comment on the performance, conduct and qualifications of public figures;

- Interrupting other speakers or engaging in

behavior that disrupts the meeting including but not limited to applause, cheers, jeers, etc.;

- Engaging in behavior that threatens or intimidates others; or

- Addressing the Council or Board on issues that do not concern the services, policies, or affairs of the Town."

During the meeting, Town Councilor Ted Combes said he thought it would make sense for their attorney to review any proposed changes they had to the rules, explaining that if something was changed it could be against an RSA.

Town Councilor Deb Paul, however, said any changes in the rules should be explained publicly.

One of the proposed changes was to strike the phrase "prohibited

from using profanity or vulgar language or gestures" from the rules. She stated, "this is a free speech issue and that the board can only suggest not to to so."

The Town Council approved the change.

During public comment resident Jonathan Esposito said he hopes they will add public comment at the beginning and the meetings of meetings. "Sometimes it felt before citizens would have the opportunity to speak at public comment, but it would be brushed off or then councilors would then speak to issues after public comment had closed," he said. Esposito explained that having public comment at the end would allow residents to address things that are brought up during the meeting.

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South School Drama Club to Perform “Finding Nemo Jr.”



About 50 drama club students at South School have been rehearsing and making sets since November for this year’s play “Finding Nemo Jr.”

Lead roles are being played by Gavin Hunt (Nemo) JP Aiken (Marlin) and Abigail Johnson (Dory).

Show times are: Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m., the public is invited and tickets are \$5 a person with a \$20 household cap.

This year, students helped with everything that went into creating the show. They assisted in making costumes, building sets, and had input on blocking and choreography.

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Drama Club at LMS Performs Alice in Wonderland Jr.



The Londonderry Middle School Drama Club performed Disney's *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* over the past weekend with shows on Friday and Saturday. It was directed and choreographed by Jennifer Maurice with music directed by Amanda Morgan. The part of Alice was played by students Evelyn Murray, Kendall Cornwell and Maeve Nahlik, Kellen Johnson played the White Rabbit and Avalynne Smith played the Queen of Hearts.

Photos by Chris Paul



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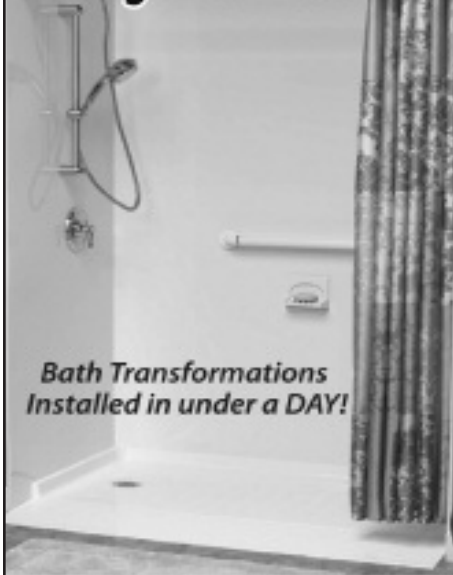


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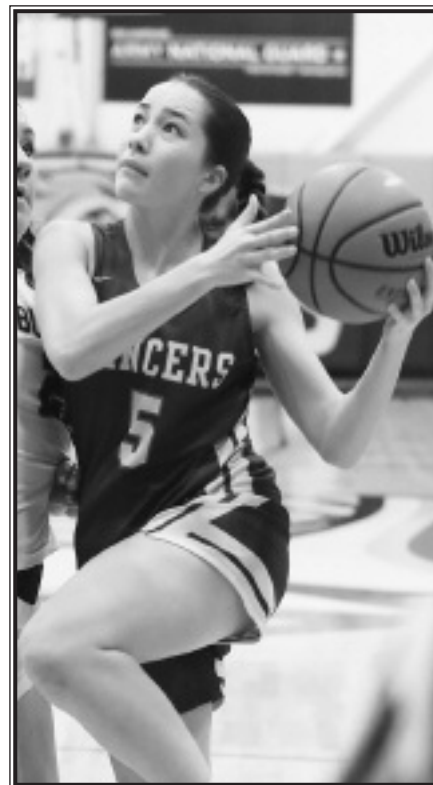
Sammie Sullivan led the state in scoring this season with a 19.3 points per game average



Gemma Murray had 15.2 points per game this year and was selected to first team.



Brooke Eacrett had 12.1 points per game this season and was given Honorable Mention by the NHBCO.



Reagan Anderson, had over 1,000 career rebounds, and Anderson was named to the All-Defensive Team

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The season ended last week for the Londonderry High School Girls' basketball team with a trip to the University of New Hampshire where they played

in the finals of the Division I State Championship.

Though the Lancers didn't come away with a state title, losing to the defending champion Bedford Bulldogs, a number of the players

were selected to the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization's (NHBCO) All-State teams.

Junior forward and guard, Sammie Sullivan was instrumental in helping her team finish

with just one loss in the regular season, going 20-1 heading into the finals. She and teammate, sophomore guard Gemma Murray, were selected to the NHBCO All-State First Team.

Sullivan led the state in scoring this season with an outstanding 19.3 points per game average. She also achieved 1,000 career points midway through the regular season.

Murray was also able to put up a very high average, averaging 15.2 points per game this year.

Londonderry junior

guard Brooke Eacrett was given Honorable Mention by the NHBCO. Eacrett was relentless heading to the hoop this season and managed 12.1 points per game in scoring.

Senior guard and forward, Reagan Anderson, hit a major milestone this season, breaking through the 1,000 career rebound barrier, and put up 13.2 rebounds per game. Anderson was named to the All-Defensive Team for her efforts under the hoop against some much taller rivals.

Player of the Year went to Kate Allard, of

the Bedford Bulldogs, she was also named N.H. Miss Basketball.

Varsity Coach of the Year went to Todd Stefanides for his efforts with the Windham Jaguars.

The Londonderry squad had a good run leading into the finals with the Bedford Bulldogs.

The Lancers beat Nashua South 73-29 in the first round, then got by the Salem Blue Devils in the Quarterfinal 55-41.

Londonderry then had a 51-36 victory over the Windham Jaguars to qualify for the finals.

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Lancers Cheer Squad Takes Sixth at N.E. Championship

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Winter Cheerleading team finished its season last weekend with a sixth place finish in the New England Regional Championship.

The 2025 New England Interscholastic Spirit Championships were held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Worcester State University in Worcester, Mass where the Lancers were able to score a 172.1, that was good for sixth.

Coincidentally, the Worcester State Mascot is also a Lancer.

Connecticut's Greenwich High School took first, scoring 191.6 points, LaSalle Academy, of Rhode Island was second at 189.3, Danbury High School of Connecticut was third with 188.6 points, Greater Lowell Technical High School placed fourth at 176.6, Salem High School was fifth at 175.6.

This was the fourth time a Londonderry team had qualified for the event since 2006,

with the 2018 team getting a fifth-place finish.

The squad's three coaches all competed at different times in the prior years of making the trip.

In 2006, Michelle Sharp was one of the coaches when coach Chelsea Dennis was an athlete on the team, and in 2015 the LHS coed team finished eighth with coach Rose Thorpe on the team and Dennis as a coach. Dennis also made the trip as coach in 2018 when the team was able to place fifth in the all girl division.

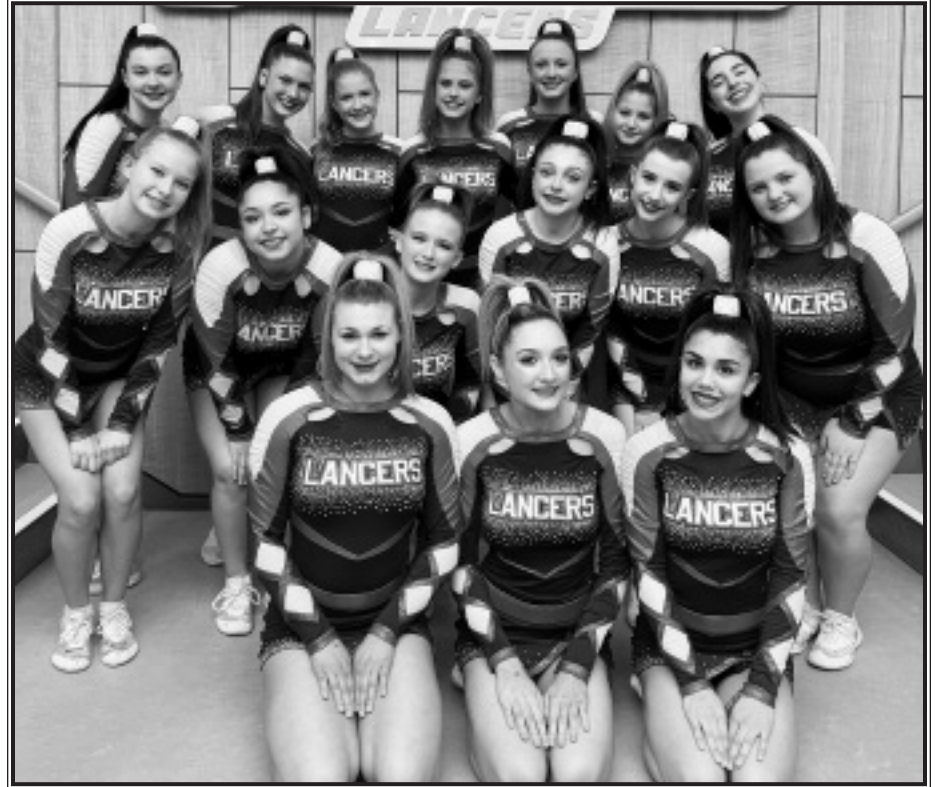
The three ladies were ecstatic about having the opportunity to all go together as coaches this year, making for an incredibly special trip.

Coach Dennis commented on this year's teams, "It has been an incredible year for Lancer Cheerleading. We moved up from fifth in the State, in the fall, to the fourth in the State this winter. We qualified for the opportunity to attend New England's where we placed sixth

and second for a N.H. team).

She added, "Our routines have increased in difficulty from competition to competition, and we also increased in execution each time as well. It is a true testament to the hard work, passion and dedication of our athletes."

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, Anibelle Hatchell, Farrah Stsauveur, Selena Welch and Samantha Yianakopolos.



The Lancers placed sixth at the 2025 New England Interscholastic Winter Spirit Championship. They had a fourth place finish in the DI Finals and a fifth place finish at the Preliminary Round this year. Courtesy photo



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing for a waiver from section 3.02 of the Subdivision regulations. 37 Stonehenge Road (Map 12, Lot 124-13) and 41 Stonehenge Road (Map 12, Lot 123). Zoned AR-1 (Agricultural Residential). Thomas J. Censabella and Shawna Denn (Owners) and Promised Land Survey, LLC (Applicant).

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan for a 20,000 square foot building and a 60,000 square foot manufacturing building along with associated site improvements. 5 Kitty Hawk Landing (Map 17 Lot 5-5) zoned Industrial I (IND-I) and The Village on Technology Hill Planned Unit Development (PUD). Londonderry Holdings, LLC (owner & applicant)

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Visitors Head to Peterson's Farm for Maple Weekend



Families flocked to Londonderry's local Sugar House at Peterson's Farm during Maple Weekend held on Saturday and Sunday March 15 and 16. The farm had plenty of maple products for sale and to sample at the annual event. This year's season was exceptionally short, with freezing temperatures lasting well past February, leaving just over two weeks for maple trees to produce enough sap for maple syrup.

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Around Town Policy: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Outlaw Pinewood Derby

Pack 605 is holding an Outlaw pinewood derby race on Saturday, March 29 at St. Marks Church, 1 South Rd., from 1 - 4 p.m. Any one can come and race a pinewood derby car. The total length shall not exceed 7 inches; the maximum width is 2-3/4 inches. There is no weight limit and cars must be powered by gravity only.

Hawks Walk

April is Autism Awareness month and the South School PTA is holding its first annual Hawks Walk for Inclusion on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. - noon at South School, 88 South Rd., Londonderry. This is a two mile family friendly walkathon around the school to come together to educate, advocate and celebrate minds of all kinds! There will be refreshments, music, sensory stations, crafts, face painting and more! There will also be tshirts for sale at the event (\$15). \$10 to register, everyone is wel-

come! Sign up at <https://hawks-walk-for-inclusion.cheddarup.com>

Bring Back the Trades

A Bring Back the Trades Skills Expo will take place at Londonderry High School on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event is brought through a combined effort of Bring Back the Trades Inc., the Londonderry Police Department and Londonderry Rotary and Rotary Club of Londonderry. Residents attending will see what's involved with many skilled trades careers. There will be a good selection of trades vendors and educators at the event to answer questions on a number trades jobs. Businesses wishing to be a vendor can email: info@bringbackthetrades.org.

Puzzle & Board Game Exchange

The Leach Library Puzzle Exchange is back! From Monday, March 24 through Saturday, March 29, drop off your jigsaw puzzle and board game donations at the main cir-

culation desk during library operating hours. The library will accept gently-used jigsaw puzzles and board games for any age. In exchange, the library staff will provide a voucher indicating how many puzzles and games you contributed. On Monday, March 31, return to the library with your voucher between noon and 7 p.m. to select your new puzzles and games.

LRC Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will hold a meeting on April 3, starting at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Baptist Church 368 Mammoth Rd.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. now through April 15, a story time program for babies 0-18 months old will be held at the Leach Library. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment,

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

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., now through April 16, toddlers and their caregivers are invited for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more at the Leach Library. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

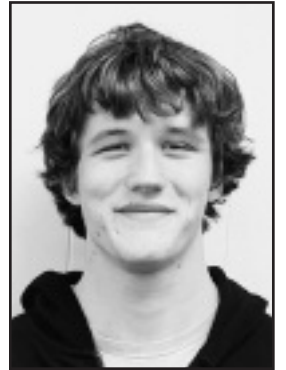
Crafternoon

Drop in to this monthly crafting social hour on the first Friday of the month at the Leach Library. On Friday, April 4 and May 2 at 2 p.m., bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. The library will also provide supplies for an adult coloring activity. No registration required.

Multicultural Potluck

Celebrate and learn about different cultures by coming to the Leach library for a multicultural potluck on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. To participate, prepare and share a recipe from your culture or a culture you are interested in learning more about. Please make enough for 25. The library cannot guarantee each

Students of the Month



The Londonderry High School - House 4 Students of the Month are seniors Maddie Tufts and Mason Turek. They are both involved in the LHS Drama program for four years, took on the role of choreographers this year. Their leadership and dedication ensured every performer mastered the dances, making their contributions invaluable. Both are standout Lancers, excelling on stage and in school. Mason is a member of the National Honor Society, Model UN, and the Ski Team. Maddie is Class President, involved in numerous clubs, a member of NHS, and also part of the ski team. The future is bright for these two, and Lancer Nation is grateful for their incredible contributions!

dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration is now open.

Tinker Time

Tinker Time will be at the Leach Library on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m. A variety of toys and games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try. Registration is recommended and begins on Saturday, March 29.

Children's Cookie Decorating

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m. to decorate Bunny Cookies. Cookies, frosting, and candy will be provided, and library staff will be on hand to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Monday, March 31.

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you ready to step into a world of magic, monsters, and epic quests? Then join the Leach Library's Dragoneers Club for a stand-alone quest on Tuesday, April 8 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Adventurers are encouraged to bring their own ready-made character sheets to jump straight into the action. If you're new to the game or don't have a character ready, have no fear, pre-made characters will be on hand for you to start your journey. This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 1.

The Last Duo Concert

In collaboration with the Friends of Leach Library and the Londonderry Arts Council, Leach Library will host a free, after-hours concert in the main reading room at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 11. Join for a live music performed by The Last Duo featuring veteran performers Dan Sirois and Greg Descoteaux. Refreshments will be provided while supplies last. Due to space limitations, registration is recommended and begins now.

Early College & Career Planning at Leach Library

Join a College Access Counselor from Granite Edvance on Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m., in the Leach Library Meeting Room for this informative presentation! During this session, they will discuss how and why to explore your interests and aptitudes, what you like and

what you're good at, and how these factors contribute to your education and career path. We'll cover how to prepare for the next steps in your journey, including maximizing your time in high school. Attendees will also get a brief intro to the college application and financial aid processes. This program is intended for participants in grades 6-10 and their parents. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, April 9.

Adult Craft: Acrylic Pour Painting

Adults are invited to come to the Leach Library on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. to make their own masterpieces using acrylic pour paint! Registration is limited to 20 participants and begins on Thursday, April 17. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Duplo Budding Builders

On Thursday, April 17 at 10 a.m., at the Leach Library participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, April 10.

Building Buddies

Join the Leach Library staff on Thursday, April 17 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, April 10. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Mystery Book Discussion

Come to the Leach library on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Marie Benedict's novel "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie." This program has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is now open. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to pick up from the library.

Mini Escape Rooms

Unlock the mystery at the Leach Library! The library will hold a mini escape room program once a month in Study Room A for teens. Find inspiration from the original consulting detective, Sherlock Holmes, and unlock the mystery. Each month will feature different themes and puzzles to solve. Join us for the next mystery on Friday, April 18 from 3 - 4 p.m. This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Friday, April 11. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Growing Up Wild

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, April 21 at 4 p.m. for a new monthly nature exploration program. This program is designed for ages 3 -7, but older children are welcomed to join in. Registration is required and begins on Monday, April 14. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - March 17

7:09 a.m. Three officers respond to a shooting complaint reported on Mammoth Road.

10:14 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transport to a hospital from Gilcreast Road.

5:51 p.m. Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive leads to an arrest made by four officers. Matthew Heighes, 48, of Derry, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension; and Driving Without Giving Proof.

Tuesday - March 18

8:44 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Cimmarron Circle.

2:45 p.m. Services rendered for a Suicide Attempt/Threat at Londonderry Middle School.

4:18 p.m. Four officers conduct a Welfare Check on Pinyon Place and provide transportation to a hospital.

6:12 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Pillsbury Road.

Wednesday - March 19
11:01 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Fieldstone Drive. Christopher Allen, 38, of Londonderry, charged on Bench Warrants.

2:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on West Road.

4:17 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on McAllister Drive.

7:43 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by four officers at the Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road. Michelle Driscoll, 31, of Manchester, charged with: Obstruction of Government Administration. Drive after Revoke/Suspension;

Dealing/Possessing Prescription Drugs; Transport Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; and Bench Warrants.

8:18 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Beacon Street.

Thursday - March 20

11:24 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Bockes Road.

12:57 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Derry District Court. Steven Porterfield, 36, of Deering, charged with Stalking - Domestic Violence.

8:15 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

9:52 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Norwich Place.

Friday - March 21

1:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by three officers

on Route 93 southbound at Exit 4. Elvena Bielecki, 24, of Haverhill, MA, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

11:34 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Cortland Street leads to an arrest made by three officers. Aleksandar Trenchovski, 36, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

11:56 a.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Londonderry Middle School.

4:52 p.m. Three officers render services for a Disturbance on Clark Road.

5:45 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Wiley Hill Road.

11:20 p.m. Disturbance on Rockingham Road investigated by four officers.

Saturday - March 22

12:58 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, at Town Fair Tire, leads to an arrest. Anamarie Aponte-Rivera, 34, of Bos-

ton, MA, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Speeding 21-24 mph over a limit of 55 or less.

1:31 a.m. A Domestic Disturbance on Constitution Drive leads to an arrest made by four officers.

4:29 a.m. Arrest made by three officers during a Motor Vehicle Check at McDonald's on Nashua Road. Shomari Zhamir King, 27, of Manchester, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

11:38 a.m. Shoplifting investigated at the N.H. Liquor Store on Michels Way.

1:22 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Walton Circle.

4:08 p.m. Six officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance and make an arrest on High Range Road. Jeffrey Michaud, 32, of Londonderry, charged with Bench Warrants.

6:57 p.m. Three officers

render services for Suspicious Activity on Stonehenge Road at Perkins Road.

Sunday - March 23

9:25 a.m. Four officers conduct a Welfare Check at the Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

2:45 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Vista Ridge Drive.

5:56 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

7:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at the Manchester town line, on Mammoth Road, leads to an arrest. Ryan Hudon, 42, of Manchester, charged with Operating a vehicle without a Valid License.

8:48 p.m. Three officers respond to a report of a Dog Bite on Yellowstone Drive.

9:26 p.m. Four officers investigate the report of a Prowler on Wedgewood Drive.

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Coding Club and Maker Lab

Unleash your imagination during the Leach Library's Coding Club and Maker Lab! Stop by Study Room B after school on Tuesday, April 22 from 3 - 5 p.m. to explore, craft, and create. During this two-hour block, participants will be able to work independently or in small groups on projects and collaborations. This program is intended for participants aged 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 15. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Let's Make Something Together

Children ages 6 and older are invited to the Leach Library on Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. for our new monthly program, Let's Make Something Together. Each month, we'll make something fun that can be taken home at the end. This month, join us in making a

shredded paper bird nest! Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, April 16. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Magician Robert Clarke

Magician Robert Clarke will be visiting the Leach Library on Monday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. to amaze and entertain children of all ages. Registration is required and begins on Monday, April 21. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Wool Felted Gnome Craft for Teens

Ready to get crafty? Come to the Leach Library Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 29 at 1 p.m. for an awesome DIY experience to create a felted gnome! Teens are invited to learn the cool art of wool felting with the amazing Ms. Rachelle. All materials are provided. This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 22. To register, visit the library's

online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Teen Intro to Hand Sewing

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, April 30 at 3: p.m., and learn how to sew and make a custom coaster. From simple stitches to creative designs, this hands-on session will teach you everything you need to know to get started with sewing! This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, April 23. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Raising Chickens in Your Backyard

Have you ever considered owning chickens? Come to the Leach library on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. to learn how to get started! Join presenter Jen Valentine as she covers everything from coop design, breed factors, legalities, and cost, to raising your feather babies from egg to adult. Registration begins on Wednesday, April 23. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

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DIY Spa Day for Teens

Need a little self-care? On Thursday, May 1, stop by the Leach Library Meeting Room at 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m. to make your own spring inspired bath fizz, sugar scrub, and bath soak! All materials will be provided. This program is intended for participants aged 9-18. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, April 23. Visit the library's online calendar or call the library to register for one of the sessions.

Intro to D&D

What is this D&D thing? Have you ever wanted to know more about Dungeons and Dragons? Then now is the perfect time to learn! Join Leach Library staff on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. to discover how to create your own character, start a campaign, and dive into a world full of magic and adventure. Whether you're brand new or just want to brush up on your skills, this session is perfect for everyone! All participants will receive their own set

of dice to take home. This program is intended for all ages. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, April 26. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Free Comic Book Day

Stop by the Leach Library on Saturday, May 3 to receive a Free Comic Book! Whether you are a first-time reader or a returning enthusiast, make sure to stop by and get your free comic book while supplies last. For some added fun, dress up as your favorite character! No registration necessary.

Historical Fiction Book Discussion

Join Leach Library staff to discuss David Benioff's novel "City of Thieves" in May! On Wednesday, May 28 at 10 a.m., library staff will offer a discussion at the Londonderry Senior Center located at 535 Mammoth Rd. On Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m., join the discussion at the Leach Library. Refreshments will be served at each session. Registration is required for each ses-

sion and begins on Monday, April 21. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library.

Master Gardener Presentation: Birdscaping

Join UNH Master Gardener Stacy Scaccia on Monday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Leach Library to learn about how to landscape for our feathered friends. Planting native perennials, shrubs, and trees can provide long-lasting habitat improvements for the birds while enhancing your landscape too. See examples and learn how to get started gardening for the birds. This program has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration opens on Monday, April 28. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

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