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Workers from FWM Docks of Hudson assemble the new boat launch at the Scobie Pond Conservation Area last week. The new feature was, in part, thanks to a grant received by the Conservation Commission. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Planning Board Meeting With Town Council Gets Stalled Out

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During a Planning Board workshop to discuss potential zoning and site plan regulation amendments, Planning Board Chair Jake Butler led off the talk by voicing his frustration over the limited attendance from the Town Council.

"I am a little bit frustrated," Butler said, noting that the board had requested Town Council participation about a week earlier.

He said he was disappointed because he had hoped to discuss with the council what changes they believe are needed to the town's regulations.

"We have been actively, over the past year, trying to wrap our hands around changing some regulations in Town that we've heard loud and clear," Butler said.

Town Council Liaison Shawn Faber and Town Councilor Dan Bouchard were in atten- **continued on page 4**

Sanborn Traffic Concerns Deemed to Be Unwarranted

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Following concerns raised by newly elected Town Councilor Dan Bouchard during the April 7 meeting, the Town Council received a briefing from Police Chief Kim Bernard regarding traffic issues near Sanborn Road at its most recent meeting.

Bouchard specifically highlighted concerns with traffic at the corner of Rockingham Road and Sanborn Road.

"It's a safety concern," Bouchard said previously, noting he has been asked why a police officer is not stationed at the intersection during student drop-off and pick-up

times.

Before being elected, Bouchard had also raised the issue during public comment, stating that while he received a "thank you" from a Town Councilor, the Police Chief at the time explained they lacked the manpower and could not guarantee an officer would be available, adding that it could also pose a liability.

During the meeting, Bernard said there have been no complaints from parents, teachers, or the bus company in the past year, and fewer than a handful of accidents at the intersection during school hours over the past five years.

"We haven't had any

fatals thank goodness, we haven't had any major complaints at all. If this was a complaint, the police department would handle it. If it's a concern, we look into it. A major issue, we would handle it. I am not up here downplaying the concerns that Mr. Bouchard has brought up in the last two weeks," Bernard said.

Bernard explained that the police department has four School Resource Officers (SROs) - two voted in by taxpayers and two reassigned from within the department - to cover the schools.

Two SROs respond to the middle school, one **continued on page 3**

Master Plan Committee Begins Working Draft of Town Direction

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee welcomed new member Lisa Sussman during its April 17 meeting, continuing progress on the town's updated Master Plan.

"Lisa is also an alternate member of the Zoning Board," said Steering Committee Chair Jeff Penta. "Welcome, and we are really excited to have you on with this board."

Sussman said she was happy to assist as she was introduced to fellow committee members, along with Sylvia

von Aulock of the Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC), who attended to support the development of the new Master Plan outline.

Following brief introductions, von Aulock presented a working draft of the vision, guiding principles, demographics, housing, and land use chapters.

"None of this should be of any surprise; we've been building on this for the past several months," she said. Von Aulock emphasized the draft's concise format. "Usually short and sweet is what people want, and that's

what we've done here. It talks about outreach like our survey and in-person events."

The first part of the document focused on public response and what the residents of Londonderry thought the Master Plan should prioritize. It also made a **continued on page 2**

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Combined Bus Routes, Capital Campaign Expected on Future Agendas

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The Londonderry School Board was recently briefed on a number of agenda items expected to be discussed over the coming months.

“As a school system, we are busy following through on the goals for the 2024-25 school year and focusing on finishing strong,” Londonderry Superintendent Dan Black wrote in a memo. “Below are a few upcoming topics for School Board meetings this spring and summer, and

if there are topics the School Board wants to bring, we can have that conversation at the April 22 Board meeting.”

One of the topics expected for future discussion is the possibility of combining grade six through twelve bus routes. Black said significant research has been conducted since the board’s initial presentation on the idea, and a follow-up presentation is anticipated after spring break.

“I believe we will be able to talk about bus routes on May 13,” Black

said. Another potential agenda item is the launch of a capital campaign.

“We might talk about a capital campaign and what that would look like,” Black said during the meeting.

In his memo, he explained that the “Communication Committee is going to work with the Athletic Director and Music Director to think through the possibilities of a capital campaign to fundraise for capital facilities that other Division 1 schools have, but Londonderry

does not.” Career Connected Learning will also be discussed further in the coming months.

“We are going to present in June on further options for expansion at Londonderry High School in the future,” Black said.

The district’s ongoing policy review process will continue as well.

“There will be a few more waves from this spring through next year’s budget season to make sure we are caught up with the policy work,” Black said, noting

that it is likely to continue for several months. The board will also conduct a review of the 2024-25 goals and outcomes.

“By the July meeting, we can review how our academic and culture goals turned out,” Black said.

School Board member Amanda Butcher added that the board should revisit plans for full-day kindergarten, following the failure of a recent warrant article.

“We should probably talk about kindergarten at some point, but everyone needs a little break from that,” Butcher said.

School Board Chair

Bob Slater agreed, saying the board should also address the future of the District Office, as the lease for the current office is nearing its end.

He echoed Butcher’s sentiment regarding kindergarten.

“It needs to be talked about,” Slater said.

School Board member Tim Porter suggested the board should also receive an update on the recently implemented cell phone policy to see how it has progressed.

Black also noted that, in addition to new initiatives, the board will continue to address routine business, including quarterly reports, at upcoming meetings.

Master Plan

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few comparisons to the 2013 Master Plan to see what had changed in the past decade.

“I think it’s always good to see what the town said in 2013, and then looking forward with what you all have recommended for this version, so you see the vision there,” said von Aulock. “As census data has come in, I’ve also tried to present a snapshot of town demographics.”

She based her demographic information on

2023 data, including factors like median age, past growth, and projections for future growth in her calculations. One prediction saw high short-term growth followed by later population decline.

“Is that a statewide trend? Or is that a Londonderry thing?” asked committee member John Mahon.

Von Aulock responded that the trend was “at least statewide, if not further out.”

“You’ll see that in future demographics

with age,” she said. “It’s very different than the last Master Plan with how the age discussion has shifted.”

These shifts were tied to expected changes in school enrollment and household size. The draft also touched on job growth and per capita income. Committee member Robert Robicsek raised concerns about how rising wages have failed to keep pace with inflation.

“People’s real incomes are not catching up, and we might not be able to do anything about it, but that con-

tributes to affordability,” said Robicsek. He urged making the impact of inflation more explicit. “The numbers need to be adjusted for true inflation, not something that comes from government numbers saying 2.5%. That doesn’t take into account groceries, energy, any of that.”

Affordability remains a major theme throughout the Steering Committee’s process.

The Chair also opened a meeting to public comments, with one resident citing concern over how to approach and fund water-related issues in Londonderry.

The next step will include a survey focusing on transportation, natural resources, and economic development, with the goal of releasing it by the end of May.

The next meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, at 6 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

OBITUARY

Sandra Lee Perkins



Sandra Lee Perkins, 80, of Londonderry, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Friday April 18, 2025, in the Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH. She was born on June 12, 1944 in Norwood, MA, a daughter of Paul Stergion and Annette Stergion Smith. Sandra worked as an office manager for Saunders Business Services. For Sandra, family was the most important part of her life. She took great pride and care in making meals, hosting Sunday dinners and spending time with the family she adored.

She is survived by her cherished husband of 58 years, George Perkins of Londonderry; her loving daughter, Annette McInnis and husband Edward of Chester, NH; six adoring grandchildren, Julie Trombly and husband Jeff of Derry, NH, Jessica McInnis of Londonderry, Joseph McInnis and wife Ashley of Plymouth, MA, Wayne DeCoste and wife Marcella of San Francisco, CA, David DeCoste and wife Talia of Goffstown, NH, and Nicole McKnight and husband Dom of Buckeye, AZ; seven great-grandchildren, close friends and neighbors, Sherry and Mark of Whitman, AZ, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her beloved daughter, Linda DeCoste of Goodyear, AZ and two sisters, Paulette Joyce, of Norton, MA and Loretta Adams of Dedham, MA.

Following cremation, a calling hour will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 9 – 10 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Memorial service will begin at 10 a.m., in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Leach Library Trustees Concerned Over Partisan Political Comments

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on April 16, with residents urging stricter rules regarding public comments made by library officials. Concerns were raised over possible “partisan” online comments associated with the library.

“The nonpartisan part of this is real simple to fix,” said resident Richard Bielinski. “Add a by-law that clearly states that politics are not a part of this Board, or part of the library. Put it in there and say it’s reason for potential termination from that Board

by a majority or two-thirds vote if it continues. This is not politics; this is making sure the library runs correctly.”

Resident Erica Laue added, “If we are concerned about the behavior of Board members on Facebook and all of that, we need to be addressing that with all members of the Board.” Laue also questioned whether it was possible for a library to be completely apolitical. “I will also say that libraries have always been political, whether we like it or not, because access to reading has always been a political issue.”

She nonetheless en-

couraged the Board to act carefully regarding partisanship in their official roles.

Trustee Chair Liz Thomas said public comments would be considered as the Board moves forward with updates to its by-laws. Library Director Erin Matlin challenged the notion that any library member had engaged in partisanship or harassment during library hours.

Some discussion also centered on the appropriateness of certain programs offered at the library. Trustee Christine Fitzgerald expressed concern that many

activities focused more on arts and crafts than on reading. She suggested such events might be better suited to a recreation center rather than a library.

“One of the things I’ve been bothered about for a while is for people to understand that we don’t really have a rec department,” said Vice-Chair Helen Palmieri. “We have one that’s burgeoning, but it’s been dormant for a very long time.”

While she was confident this would change, the Vice-Chair argued that, apart from the library, there was no suitable community-

wide location to hold programs related to arts and crafts.

“These are the kinds of things the library does, especially in the summer,” she said.

Matlin agreed, noting, “Part of our mission says to meet educational and recreational needs. I would have to say, coming from my experience, that this is a really hardy summer reading program that would offer something for everybody.”

Speaking as a resident, Head of Library Circulation Services Megan Donovan defended the broader range of programs not directly

tied to reading.

“On the outside these programs may not look like they have a direct relation to reading, but it does encourage other skills like cognitive behavioral skills, computational thinking, working together, public speaking, creativity—all of these things together make things well-rounded,” said Donovan. “With these programs for the kids, they’re learning without knowing they’re learning.”

The next meeting of the Leach Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room.

OBITUARY

Gail P. Salcito



Gail P. Salcito, 77, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday April 24, 2025 at Hanover Hill Healthcare Center in Manchester, NH following a lengthy illness. She was born on June 9, 1947 in Waterbury, CT, the daughter of the late Robert and Laura (Clark) Reynolds. She lived in Londonderry, NH with her husband, Richard for the past 45 years after moving from Waterbury in 1980. Gail worked as a registered nurse for many years, starting her nursing career at St. Mary’s Hospital in CT and later for Derry Medical Center in Derry, NH. She was an avid gardener and proud member of the Windham Garden Club.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 57 years, Richard Salcito; her daughter, Kristen; her sons, Richard S. and Jeffrey Salcito; her grandchildren, Nicholas and Anthony Salcito, and Nolan and Gabriella Farren.

She touched the lives of so many people and will be forever remembered for her kind heart and loving spirit.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, April 30, from 6 – 8 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, May 1, at 10 a.m., in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. The burial will follow in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph’s Lakota Indian School, or to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Sanborn Traffic

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to the high school, and two cover the elementary schools.

“We can’t have an SRO at two schools at the same time,” Bernard said.

He noted that while officers assist with traffic control when possible, the department has just three patrol officers on duty during the day, who must prioritize incoming calls.

Bernard also said he does not believe it would be a good use of resources to assign com-

sues.

Looking ahead, Bernard said the department is planning to add an additional crossing guard at the start of the next school year. In the meantime, they will continue to monitor the situation and provide assistance when available.

Bouchard said similar traffic issues had previously occurred on

Mammoth Road, and that efforts to divert vehicles onto Route 28 have increased traffic volumes in the area.

He also claimed that the bus company told him they eventually stopped raising concerns because no action was taken.

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 7 p.m.

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Editorial

Preventing Lyme Disease

Being a native of New England, you experience all four seasons, each offering different outdoor activities and an outdoor quality of life.

Most of us enjoyed getting outside and soaking in some fresh air. However, my relationship with the outdoors changed after I was diagnosed with Chronic Lyme Disease.

With summer approaching, and in recognition of Lyme Disease Awareness Month fast approaching, it's important to refresh our knowledge about ticks and Lyme disease.

Many people believe you must have a bull's-eye rash to develop Lyme disease, but this isn't always true. Typically, when a person first contracts Lyme disease, they may develop flu-like symptoms after a tick bite, with or without a rash.

Lyme disease can affect various organ systems, including the heart and central nervous system. Today, Lyme disease is called "The Great Masquerader" because it can mimic the symptoms of many other illnesses.

Lyme disease can lead to serious symptoms, such as cardiac arrhythmias and even sudden cardiac arrest. Neurological symptoms may also appear, resembling conditions like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease. In addition to flu-like symptoms, some less obvious signs of Lyme disease include buzzing or tingling sensations on the skin, burning nerve pain, significant joint pain, muscle pain, and

extreme muscle stiffness.

Victims often experience "brain fog," resulting in poor memory, difficulties with language skills, and, in some cases, even dementia. Ticks are most prevalent in the summer, but they can bite throughout the entire year.

Fortunately, there are several ways to prevent tick bites. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make it tick-resistant. DEET or Lemon Eucalyptus Oil can be used as skin insect repellents. Wearing light and bright-colored clothing can make it easier to spot ticks. Tucking the bottoms of pant legs into socks can help prevent ticks from climbing onto your legs. Additionally, you can put clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes after returning from outside to kill ticks.

If a tick becomes attached, remove it as soon as possible. Place the tick in a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel, noting the date and the name of the person bitten on the bag. Bring it to a doctor or send it to a lab to determine if it carries Lyme disease or other infections such as Bartonella, Ehrlichia, Babesia, or Anaplasma.

Despite the risks, enjoy the fresh air this season, but take preventive measures against tick bites, and seek prompt treatment if necessary. Stay safe!

Letters

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dance. Town Council Chair Ron Dunn attended part of the meeting, but had to leave before the joint discussion began. Faber said he spoke with Town Councilor Ted Combes ahead of time and was told Combes would not be able to attend. Newly elected Town Councilor Deb Paul was out of town.

"What I want is for two boards to get in line for the first time ever and have a real conversation of what needs to happen," Butler said.

He noted that issues like traffic are areas where the two boards could work collaboratively.

"What I want to see is a way that it's going to get fixed," Butler said.

Butler added that during a recent Town Council meeting, members outlined goals such as limiting development, and he had hoped to begin a dialogue about how the Planning Board could support those efforts.

Because the council lacked a quorum at the workshop, Butler said they could not gather a comprehensive view from the council, adding that he understood a week's notice may have been short.

"I want to get us all on the same page so everybody's working in the same direction instead of two ships passing in the night," Butler said.

Bouchard said he believes it would make sense to schedule a joint meeting after a new Town Manager is hired.

During public comment, former Town Councilor John Farrell suggested that the Planning Board does not necessarily need Town Council input to move forward.

"You're greatly underestimating as the Planning Board how much power you have. You don't need the Town Council. You have the tools today. It's called the CIP," Farrell said. "That's your strategic plan to go forward."

He explained that the Planning Board can present its plan through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

"The CIP is one of the strongest tools you have and it's underutilized and it's your tool, it's your authority," he said.

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron said the CIP process typically begins in May or June, with meetings scheduled later in the

year. She noted they could explore ways to incorporate general traffic improvements into the CIP.

Planning Board member Jeff Penta agreed that the CIP could be an effective mechanism.

"I think that's an effective tool," he said.

Butler emphasized that collaboration with the Town Council remains important to achieving goals.

"I agree with that. I think everybody working together you can get (more accomplished)," Bouchard said.

No date was set for when the Planning Board and Town Council will meet jointly.

Reached after the meeting, Deb Paul explained that she had a family trip planned weeks before the meeting had been disclosed.

"Had I known this meeting was taking place, I may have been able to reschedule, but I was half-way across the country the night of the meeting," Paul said.

She added, "I'm looking forward to helping to make some significant changes in controlling growth in the upcoming months, but until the new Town Manager begins in June, I feel our efforts will be a bit premature."



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Paddling Made Easier with New Scobie Pond Boat Launch



The process of installing a boat launch at the Scobie Pond Conservation Area took about three hours. The interlocking three-piece system was set up fairly quickly and will allow paddlers easy access to the small pond. The Londonderry Conservation Commission had this planned since last year and 75 percent of the funding was through a state grant. The pond is located on Brewster Road.

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Route 28 Performance Overlay District Gets Reviewed

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board held a workshop meeting last week, with one of the agenda items focused on the Route 28 Performance Overlay District (POD).

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron explained that about two-years ago, the Board was asked to review both the Route 28 and Route 102 overlay districts.

"The outcome of that was we just want to look at 28 only," Caron said.

She noted that the Route 28 POD was originally adopted in 2002, with the goal of aligning

development along the corridor with the 1997 Master Plan.

Caron said the objectives were to "regulate development and ensure that the infrastructure in that corridor could be supported," explaining that it was during the expansion of I-93 and was also an effort to limit big-box stores at the time.

She explained properties within the overlay district were subject to additional requirements for setbacks and landscape buffers.

"Removing the overlay in its entirety, the primary thing it does is

remove those additional dimensional conditions or requirements," Caron said.

Caron noted that eliminating the overlay could create more opportunities for redevelopment, something there is a growing need for, given the limited number of vacant lots in the area.

"The Board would like to see some good redevelopment for the Town in that area," Planning Board Chair Jake Butler said, noting that the dimensional requirements are making it difficult, or in some cases

impossible, to redevelop.

Butler asked whether it would make sense to retain the overlay but relax the dimensional requirements to encourage new development and redevelopment.

However, the rest of the Planning Board disagreed.

"I really think the POD has really done its purpose at the time for the community," said Planning Board Vice Chair Jeff Penta.

He said that removing it altogether would make the most sense.

"It seems cleaner to

me to remove it so we can get the services for that community, for those villages up there," Penta said.

Caron also noted that the original intent when the overlay was adopted was for it to eventually be removed.

During public comment, Robin Stewart, a resident of Mammoth Road, argued that infrastructure issues need to be addressed first.

"How can you possibly make changes to the zoning without first looking at the infrastructure," she said.

Butler replied that while the Board is trying to find solutions for a number of issues, infrastructure falls under the purview of the Town Council.

Former Town Councilor John Farrell also spoke at the meeting, saying, "The performance overlay districts were done for one reason and one reason only: to stop and shut down development - that's why it was done."

Since it was a workshop session, no formal decisions or votes were made.

OBITUARY

Edward M. Norton



Edward M. Norton, 73, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Wednesday April 16, 2025 in the Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH. He was born on Dec. 14, 1951 in Boston, MA, a son of Harold Norton and Regina (Rafferty) Norton, and had been a resident of Londonderry since 1990. Edward grew up in Cambridge and Arlington, MA. He loved working on cars. Edward enjoyed listening to country music and playing Keno. He also was a cat lover.

He is survived by his longtime partner of 42 years, Maryanne (Cardinale) LaCortiglia; four siblings, Harry Norton and his wife Linda, Thea Murphy and her husband Skip, Andy Norton and his wife Patricia and Mike Norton; as well as his nieces and nephews, Becky, Sarah, Mary, Peter, Amanda, Nicole, Alana and Michael Jr.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours was held on Wednesday, April 23 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Grange Plant Sale Set for May 10

Londonderry Grange annual Mother's Day plant sale is on from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the historic Grange Hall

on Mammoth Road, across from the town commons. You will find a dazzling assortment of potted plants, hanging

baskets, and patio tomatoes, all grown in Londonderry! Proceeds from the sale help defray the costs of maintaining and improving the Grange Hall which will be open for tours during the day.

The Grange is also looking to increase its membership, we are interested in finding

local individuals who are active, community minded, and want to belong to an organization dedicated to a better quality of life in our town. We encourage anyone interested in learning more about the Grange to stop in, buy a plant and speak with any of our members.

OBITUARY

Norman J. "Joe" Bruen, Jr.



Norman J. "Joe" Bruen, Jr., 83 of Londonderry, NH died April 16, 2025 at his home. Joe was born in Medford, MA on March 22, 1942, the son of the late Norman J. Bruen, Sr. and Winifred (Malloy) Bruen.

Joe was a graduate of Medford High School and served in the US Navy aboard the USS Tulare during the Vietnam War. Following his service in the Navy, Joe worked for the Navy Shipyard in Boston and later worked for the Federal Aviation Administration until his retirement. Following his retirement, from the FFA, he established the Joe Bruen Welding business, which he operated until his death.

Joe is survived by his wife of 55 years, Christine Lynch Bruen of Londonderry, NH, a sister Katherleen, brother Laurence and several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, graveside services with military honors was held on Friday April 25, in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.

OBITUARY

Tina Ileene Philbrook



Tina Ileene Philbrook, 69, of Londonderry, NH passed away Monday April 14, 2025 at home surrounded by her family, after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. Tina was born Jan. 15, 1956 in Los Angeles, CA and was a daughter of Raymond Waelbrock and the late Marylou (Troesch) Waelbrock. She was raised and educated in Paradise, CA. Tina and her family relocated to Somerville, MA in 1978 and later settled in Londonderry in 1985.

Tina worked in several medical offices during her working life. She retired as an office supervisor for Dr. Alphonse Baluta. Tina was a volunteer with the Londonderry Welcome Wagon and a past president of the PTA at Matthew Thornton School. She was a former board member of both the Manchester Regional Youth Hockey Association (MRYHA), and the Southern NH Skating Club. In addition, Tina loved the ocean and spending time on the beach and attending her grandsons many activities.

Members of the family include her husband of 45 years, Andrew Philbrook, Sr.; two sons, Andrew Philbrook, Jr. and his wife Stephanie, and Jason Philbrook; her daughter, Kristen Philbrook; two grandsons, Christian and Noah Philbrook; two sisters, Linda Tunison and Renee Brown. Tina was predeceased by her brother, Bruce Waelbrock.

After cremation, calling hours was held on Tuesday April in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 1 South Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers donations in her honor may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Dr., Suite 210, Bedford, NH 03110.

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Resident Raises Concerns Over Roadside Trash, Signs

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During public comment at the April 7 Town Council meeting resident Dennis Martin had two signs in his hand, explaining he wanted to bring to the attention of the Town Council the issue of signs ending up in different places, including on the ground. "This has got to stop I found these in the middle of the road not just these but others," he said.

He explained that in

his view, he thinks it is getting out of hand the number of signs allowed to be put up in Town.

"It's turning into a rubbish area, they're everywhere," Martin said.

He explained that he thinks they need to look at what they are going to do about it.

"Some of the candidates put out 200 signs. I don't know if we can limit it...how many signs do you need to put up," Martin said.

Martin noted that when he puts up signs

like for the Blues Festival he organizes, he makes sure to take them down right away so they don't end up on the ground or in the woods.

"Trash alone in Londonderry and in other towns is an issue," Martin said.

On the issue of trash, Martin said he thinks the Department of Public Works should spend time each year picking up trash in Town.

"The Department of Public Works one month out of the year during

the spring...can't go out there and have a crew work the streets for about a month and it would clean the streets up easy," he said.

Martin argued that they have enough employees to do it.

"We need to look at this. This is an issue I don't want this Town to look like a dump and it's starting to look like that, and not just these signs it's everything," he said.

Town Council Chair Ron Dunn said he would look into the issue.

Town Councilor Ted Combes said when it comes to the political signs state law governs it "more than what we'd be able to do on that."

"We'd have to adhere with or at least consult our attorney to make sure that we're following state law on that and we're not subverting that. So we'd have to look further into that," Combes said.

Dunn noted that the political signs are supposed to be taken down within 10 days of an

election, and said that he could look into what could happen if they aren't taken down.

Town Councilor Dan Bouchard, who ran successfully in the March election, said that he had concerns with signs blowing around due to the wind. Martin was advised to contact the code enforcement officer with the specific locations.

The next Town Council meeting is slated to take place on May 5 beginning at 7 p.m.

Leach Library Trustees Face Pushback on Summer Hours

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on April 2 to hear public comments for the first time during a new term. Questions focused on the library's plan for reduced summer hours announced during their March meeting. Under the new plan, the library would close earlier on Thursdays and Saturdays during the summer season.

"Are the reduced hours being done for budget reasons?" asked resident Garrett Adie. "Can I ask how many employees there are in total in the library?"

According to Library Director Erin Matlin, reduced summer hours were enacted for staffing

reasons.

"Because we have a lot of people who take vacations in the summer, we adjusted the hours so we would have staff able to assist with programming and so they could be scheduled to cover shifts," she said. "We did it last year, and it seemed to really work well."

The Director confirmed that the library currently has 16 employees, nine of which are part-time.

"I don't know of any company that adjusts their hours based on the fact that people go on vacation," said Kristine Perez, who was at the meeting speaking as a resident. "Summertime means you ought to have much more avail-

ability because teachers are off, kids are off, and according to your staffing, which you gave me, you now have 8.3 more people available per hour when you're open right now."

The change was also made to reflect the summer hours of other NH libraries in the GMILCS system. Leach Library will also be closed on Aug. 16 for Old Home Day.

With the start of a new term, the Board had to choose officers for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The election for Chair proved to be competitive, as Trustees Liz Thomas and Christine Fitzgerald were nominated for the role, with Thomas winning a five-

to-two vote.

Without much debate, incumbent Helen Palmieri was re-elected as Vice-Chair, and former Chair Jan McLaughlin was elected as Treasurer, both unanimously. Moira Ryan and Beth Marrocco ran in a contested election for Secretary, with Marrocco winning in a five-to-two vote.

Responding to public comments at a few earlier meetings, Thomas called for the establishment of alternate members for the Library Board of Trustees.

"We have a right by law to have alternates, and we are probably one of the only town com-

mittees that do not have alternates," said Thomas. "These alternates would have one-year terms, they could re-run again at the following year, they'll have a seat at the table, they would not be voting unless a full member was missing, and my opinion is that based on how this board has done for the past several years, we have always needed one alternate, probably never two, certainly not three."

The Town Council will need to approve any alternates.

Matlin thanked the residents of Londonderry for approving the library's proposed budg-

et and Warrant Article 29, which created a part-time children's librarian position.

"I'm sure I'm speaking for my staff, and we're just really thankful to the community for their support on that," said Matlin. "It's definitely a need, and we're excited to put that into place and to use that person as much as we can to create more experiences in the children's room."

The next Leach Library Board of Trustees meeting is set for Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room.

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Londonderry Middle School Unveils Its New Softball Field



The Londonderry Middle School officially unveiled the new softball field behind the school last week. School officials and staff attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, April 15 where the school principal William Van Bennekum spoke briefly, Athletic Director Jimmy Lauzon cut the ribbon and School Board Chair Bob Slater threw out the first pitch before the game between Londonderry and the Hudson Memorial Colts began.
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Baseball Tally Three Lopsided Wins in Week Two

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Baseball team had three consecutive double-digit scoring games that led to a trifecta of victories, with LHS finishing the week at 5-1.

The Lancers bats were very active in all three games and helped them outscore their opponents 32-4 during that three-game stretch.

Londonderry began their week at Timberlane Regional High School where they were able to come away with a rather one-sided 11-0 victory, in part thanks to a seven-run third inning and a solid defense with strong pitching.

Colin Philcrantz got the win on the mound, throwing four innings with six hits, five Ks and one walk.

Ryan Perry came in as the reliever for three hitless innings a getting six strikeouts.

At the plate, Jet Jones and Caden Jordan had two hits each with Brody Labbe getting the team's only extra-base hit, a double in the third inning.

The Lancer had 13-batters go to the plate in the third inning, three were hit by the pitcher, six were walked and three batter had hits.

Jones drove in four of the seven runs in the win.

Two days later, in Londonderry, the outcome against the Merrimack Tomahawks was quite similar, with LHS winning 11-1.

Brady Gillis was the winning pitcher, going five innings with six Ks, two walks and three hits.

Trenton Powers threw one inning of

relief with one walk.

Centerfielder Brett McKinnon was two-for-three at the plate and hit his first homerun of the season. Jones went 2-2 with a double. Casey Marsh and Connor Loughlin both had two hits to add to the 14-hit offense by Londonderry.

Nearly 30 batters went to the plate in the team's fourth win of the season.

The Lancers then went on to finish the week on Friday, April 25, at Spaulding High School, where they continued to have success at the plate, beating the Red Raiders 10-3.

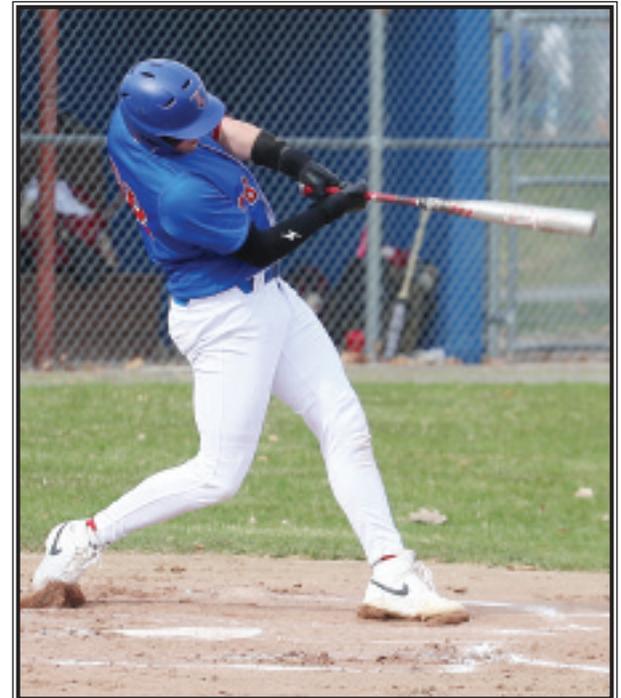
Jaye Stott got the win on the mound, facing 21-batters with six Ks, four hits and three runs.

Sully Darron came in in relief for two innings, striking out two and not allowing a hit.

There were 30 LHS at-bats in the game with three Raider pitchers giving up nine hits and eight walks, while striking out seven.

Zach Green, Jordan and Jones each had two hits, with Jones getting the team's only extra bagger, a double in the nine-run fifth inning where Londonderry had 14-batters go to the plate.

The Lancers are scheduled to play Winnacunnet, Goffstown and Bedford in the third week of the season. The game against the Bulldogs (3-3) will take place Thursday, May 1, starting at 11 p.m.



Jet Jones drove in four of the seven runs in the win over the Owls. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancers Girls Lacrosse Squad Begins Season at 2-2



Eres Delorey finished with six goals and one assist in the Lancers win over the Blue Devils. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Lacrosse team had a tough 0-2 start in week one of the spring season, but bounced back in week two, finishing at 2-2.

In the season start, on Tuesday, April 15 the LHS squad suffered a 4-11 loss to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals in Nashua.

Three day later, during the Lancers home opener, on Friday, April 18, Londonderry lost in a tough 11-4 battle with the Bedford Bull Dogs.

In the defeat to one of the top Division I teams, goals went to Ava Naar, Gabriella Pedrick, Eres Delorey, and Defender Molly Leone.

The Lady Lancers turned things around in week two.

On Monday, April 21 at Nashua North High School, the Lancers narrowly beat the Lady Titans by a score of 8-7.

Londonderry goals went to Naar, who led the team with three. Annabelle Melia finished with one goal and two assists. Cora Rogers and Summer Butler each had a goal and an assist. Lexi Padykula and Eres Delorey also finished with a goal a piece.

The Lancers squad relied on some clutch goaltending by Molly Tharrington and Jayden Sherwood in the tight victory.

Strong defense was put forth by Leone, Madison Grennon, Avery Stowell, Emerson Dodge, and Mel Kowack.

The Lancers went on to a blow-out for their second win of the season in Salem on Friday, April 25.

Londonderry scored early and often to finish at 16-3 against the Blue Devils.

Needless to say, the Lancers had goals from a number of sources.

Eres Delorey finished with six goals and one assist.

Madison Grennon, Summer Butler and Addison Doyle each had



Senior captain Ava Naar led her team in scoring with three goals over the Titans.

a goal and an assist. Cora Rogers tallied three goals and an assist and Naar and Lexi Padykula netted two goals.

Gabby Pedrick also added to the scoring with one goal.

The 2025 Lancers team is led by senior captain Ava Naar and junior captain Annabelle Melia.

The Londonderry team features seniors Gabriella Pedrick, goalie Jayden Sherwood, and Keira Strike.

The junior class is

represented by Madison Grennon, Eres Delorey, Avery Stowell, Abigail Cook, Lindsay Labossiere and Lilly Ciarametaro.

The strong sophomores are: Cora Rogers, Lexi Padykula, Summer Butler, Molly Leone and Addison Doyle.

The team's newcomers are: Emerson Dodge, Molly Connors and Mel Kowack.

Annabelle Melia has committed to play lacrosse at St. Michael's College when she graduates.

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Londonderry Softball Remains Unbeaten in Week Two

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Softball team cruised through the second week of the spring season, thus chalking up three more wins and moving to 6-0.

The Lancers finished week two with two shutouts and a 3-1 victory with two no-hitters.

In the team's first no-hitter of the season, a 3-0 win against the Owls, at Timberlane Regional High School, on Monday, junior right-hander Elisabeth Kearney sat down all but four batters, striking out 17, while walking four for the win.

The LHS offense had seven hits and struck out just four times.

Kearney helped herself with three hits at the plate and Sadie Moore had two. Both girls hit doubles in the game.

The team's two other hits came from Shannon Crowley and Alison Chambers.

Moore's double led to the initial run of the game in the first inning.

The second run came in the fourth and the final run came by way of a double by Kearney in the fifth inning.

On Wednesday, April 23, the team travel over the river to Merrimack, where they battled through a tough pitchers dual to a 3-1 win over the Lady Tomahawks.

Kearney pitched six innings, giving up just one hit while striking out

13 batters for the victory. Austen pitched one inning in relief, striking out two and allowing the only run.

Chambers Flaherty and Crowley all doubled in the game with Martinez getting the teams only triple.

Overall, LHS had eight hits in the game, with Chambers and Mady Normand both getting two hits.

Flaherty's double led to the teams first run in the top of the second.

Kearney's double brought in the second run in the sixth and the lead-off triple by Martinez in the seventh led to the final Lancers run.

The team's second no-hitter of the week was at home, on Friday,

April 25 where Kearney pitched another gem.

The right-hander went six innings, striking out 14-batters and walked four in the 7-0 shutout over the Spaulding Red Raiders.

Londonderry had 26 batters get to the plate with Kearney getting a homerun, Riley Campo bashed a triple and Normand getting a double.

The Lancers had seven hits with two runs coming in the second, fourth and fifth innings. Kearney's homerun was over the fence in left field came in the third.

The Lancers are scheduled to play the Bedford Bulldogs, at LHS, on Friday, May 2, at 4 p.m.



Junior right-hander Elisabeth Kearney continued to have success in week two. Photo by Chris Paul

Londonderry Track and Field Take On Astros and Owls

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Track and Field teams faced Timberlane and Pinkerton in Derry on Tuesday, April 22, with both the girls' and boys' teams placing second.

The lancers boys' team scored a 69, behind the Astros that tallied 128. The Owls trailed at a distant third with 13-points.

The Lancers girls' were a bit closer, with Pinkerton accumulating 89-points for first, Londonderry had 64-points in second and Timberlane scored 29-points for third.

The Lancers had a number of notable results at the meet.

Seniors Griffin Massa-

hos and Luc Gaudet finished 1-2 in the boys 100-meter.

Freshman Alexia Mbuyi finished third in the girls 100-meter.

Massahos also won the boys 200-meter. Senior Jon Inglese finished third, and Gaudet finished fourth.

Senior Meara Horan finished fourth in the girls 200-meter.

Senior Ryan Clegg finished fourth in the boys 400-meter.

Junior Cash Robles and sophomore Joey Gainey finished second and third in the boys' 800-meter race.

Freshman Anna Lauferweiler, freshman Aylin Hand, and Harper Labonte had a 1-2-4 finish in

the girls 800-meter.

Freshman Patrick Ramsey and junior Jack DiBuono finished in third and fourth in the boys' 1,600-meter run.

Sophomore Gabby DeLong and Senior Sayde White finished in second and third in the girls' 1,600-meter.

Juniors Carson Fitzgerald and Josh Twomey finished first and second in the boys 3,200-meter race.

Freshman Stella Dutton took first in the girls' 3,200-meter and junior Ella DiBuono finished second in the race.

Sophomore Evelyn Gillespie finished second in the girls' 100-meter hurdles.

The team of Massahos,

Gaudet, Inglese, and senior Chase Burris won the boys 4x100-meter relay.

Jackson, Lillian Barud, Kyra Courtemanche, and Horan took first in the girls' 4x100-meter relay.

Robles, Gainey, Jayden Skitch, and Chase Von Pichl finished second in the boys' 4x400-meter relay.

Alex Villa placed second in the boys javelin.

Sophomore Devin VanAvery and junior J-

veion Teeter finished second and tied for third respectively in the boys high jump.

Senior Linsey Gregoire and freshman Arianna White finished first and third in the girls' high jump.

Cailee Anderson and freshman Kathryn Strong finished in a tie for fourth in the girls' pole vault.

Burris and VanAvery finished one and three in the boys' long jump.

Junior Alexandra Pena and sophomore Ava Hatchell also finished one and three in the girls' long jump.

Sophomore Brennan Cray and FR Will Taylor finished three and four in the boys' triple jump.

Sophomore Shaneda Jackson finished third in the girls' long jump.

Nkechi Wambu and Autumn Yazbek finished second and fourth in the girls discus.

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Lancers Tennis Teams Cross Halfway Point On a Roll



Connor Lord

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Tennis teams had three straight shutout wins last week and produced a stellar 6-1 record heading into the second half of the season.

The Lancers had 9-0 wins against the Salem Blue Devils, the Keene Blackbirds and the Man-

chester Memorial Crusaders.

Against Salem, at home on April 21, LHS got past that opponent fairly easily.

In singles: Neel Chakravarthy (#1) 9-0; Connor Lord (#2) 8-1; Logan Hunt (#3) 8-4; Jayden Wu (#4) 8-4; Teige Broadhurst (#5) 8-6; and Evan Fortin (#6) won 8-3.

Doubles: Chakravarthy and Lord won 8-1;

Hunt and Wu had a 9-7 victory; and the team of Broadhurst and Fortin won 8-3.

Against the Blackbirds in Keene on April 23, the result was the same, a 9-0 shutout with easy wins in double.

In singles: Neel Chakravarthy (#1) 8-3; Connor Lord (#2) 8-1; Logan Hunt (#3) 8-2; Jayden Wu (#4) 8-6; Teige Broadhurst (#5) 8-1; and Jacob Palmieri (#6) won 8-3.

Doubles: Chakravarthy and Lord won 8-1; Hunt and Wu had an 8-1 victory; and the team of Broadhurst and Palmieri won 8-2.

The Lancer boys' finished the week at home with a 9-0 victory over Manchester Memorial on Friday, April 25.

The Londonderry girls' went 2-1 against the same schools last week, losing 1-8 to start the week against Salem, winning 5-4 over Keene, then shutting out the Crusaders 9-0 on Friday.

In the close match against the Blackbirds, at home, Keene had a few really good players whose skills were unmatched but Londonderry had a strong overall team.

Abby Mantegari had a notably tight match

that she won in a tiebreaker. Mantegari had a number of long rallies, several incredible returns that she had to run and stretch to get, and the support of her team, cheering with every nail biting point.

Londonderry and Keene were tied in singles games and the match came down to doubles where Londonderry had the stronger doubles teams, two of which prevailed to secure the match win.

In Singles: Tess Goding defeated Gretchen Temple 8-5; Maya Daabout had an 8-3 win over Chloe French; and Mantegari defeated Claire Schuerman 9-8 for the 3-3 tie coming out of singles.

In Doubles the team of Maya Daabout and Goding had an 8-2 win and the Mantegari and Kailin Cregg team won 8-4.

The girls finished the week at Manchester Memorial where they cruised to a 9-0 finish.

In Singles: Ali Von Pichl defeated Briana Le 8-0; Riley Doyle beat Jennifer Mugisha 8-2; Bianca Bettencourt had an 8-2 win over Rai Swornim; Goding defeated Tammy Tran 8-0; Mantegari had an 8-1 victory



Abby Jones

over Aera Dessalimes; and Cregg defeated Kait-

court and Goding won 8-1.

Doubles was also a clean sweep.

Von Pichl and Doyle

had an 8-0 win, Bettencourt and Goding won 8-2 and Mantegari and Cregg finished with an 8-1 victory.



Londonderry School District LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry School District will conduct a public hearing at their May 13, 2025 scheduled meeting to request a withdrawal from the Jacob Naar Scholarship Trust Fund. The total request includes six recipients of \$2,222, totaling \$13,332.

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<p>YMCA of Greater Londonderry Londonderry, NH</p> <p>10:00 AM - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>YMCA Allard Center of Goffstown Goffstown, NH</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM</p>
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Creative Writing Workshop

Writers of all levels are welcome Leach Library Meeting Room on May 6, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Questions? Interested? Email merifayekendrick@gmail.com

Spring Artisan Craft Fair

On Sat. May 17, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, Mammoth Rd., at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry experience a Artisan Craft Fair. Stroll through over 70 booths of original, creative artisan crafts. Whether you're looking to buy unique crafts or works of art including jewelry, baskets, quilts, wooden goods, art of various media, windchimes, soaps, pet accessories and a host of many others, you will be certain to find the perfect treasure. Satisfy your appetite with a grilled burger or hotdog at the 'St. Peter's Bistro' grill or purchase delectable, homemade baked treats. Don't forget to try your luck with the

ever popular raffles or to look for bargains at the great-deals tag sale. The fair benefits the local community and serves as a fundraiser for the church. It will be held rain, or shine. For more information, visit <https://stpeter-slondonderry.org/>

Mothers Day Plant Sale

The Londonderry Grange #44 Annual Mothers Day Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be: Hanging Flowers Planters, Annuals, Perennials, Sun & Shade Loving Plants, and Heirloom Tomato Plants.

Tennis Camp

The schedule for upcoming Tennis Camps and Lessons is as follows: Camp being held June 23-29, 9 - 11 a.m. for ages seven-plus. Lessons, Wednesdays, July 9- to Aug. 13; Ages 5-7, 8-9 a.m. Ages 8-plus, 9 - 10:30 a.m. Fall Camp, Aug. 18 to 22, 9 - 11 a.m., for ages seven-plus. Fall Middle School Club, Tues./Thurs., Aug. 9

to Oct. 16, 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Lessons, Aug. 9 to Oct. 16, 4:30 - 6 p.m. for ages seven-plus. A minimum of eight students needed per group. Cost of each group is \$150, \$125 for multiple family members. Contact Roberta Davis at londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com with questions or to register.

'Contemporary Baroque' Concert

Treat your Mom, friends or yourself to a very special 'Contemporary Baroque' chamber music concert performed by the renowned Brandenburg and Beyond ensemble. This event, offered by St. Peter's Church, will take place on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 11, at 3 p.m., at the church on 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend at no charge with free-will donations greatly appreciated. Admission is free of charge. Voluntary offerings are welcomed as this concert is self-funded. Attendees are invited to enjoy light refreshments

at the social hour immediately following the performance. For more information, please visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/> or <https://brandenburgandbeyond.com>.

Sunday Family Camp

On Sunday, May 4, starting at 10a.m. - Noon, learn about the Passover story and do some related projects at ETZ Hayim Synagogue. The Synagogue hosts this free monthly program 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, May 2 to ensure enough materials for the project.

The "Magic" Of Bedrock Gardens,

The "Magic" of Bedrock Gardens will be presented by Peggy Tucker, "The Fairy Godmother." On Thursday, May 8, from 7 - 8 p.m., at ETZ Hayim Synagogue. Come on a virtual tour of one of New England's premier Public Gardens, led by one of its dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, Peggy Tucker, also known as "The Fairy Godmother," of Bedrock Gardens. The talk is in person at the Synagogue. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Syna-

gogue'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 soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat

Join ETZ Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts on Friday, May 9, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. At 6:15 p.m., Book Bubbe, Leslie Kirshman, will read a story. By 6:30 p.m., they will start the family Shabbat service. All are welcome! Please RSVP to office@etzhayim.org by May 5.

Crafternoon

Drop in to this monthly crafting social hour on the first Friday of the month at the Leach Library. On Friday, 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.

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

er 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.

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 session 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.

Film Discussion: Alien

It's like a book discussion but with a movie! Watch the 1979 film "Alien" (rated R) prior to the program and then come to the Leach Library on Monday,

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - April 21

7:23 a.m. Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation at Nouria, on Rockingham Road. Todd Bernatchez, 30, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Breach of Bail; Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Driving After Revoke/Suspension; and Disobeying an Officer.

1:15 p.m. Suspicious Activity on Goffs Falls Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Randy Smith, 53, of Manchester, charged on Bench Warrants.

1:50 p.m. Services rendered for a Brush Fire on Brewster Road.

1:48 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Nevins Drive.

4:59 p.m. Animal Control rendered services for a Dog Bite reported on Laurel Hill Drive.

5:45 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing reported on Winding

Pond Road.

9:29 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from White Plains Avenue.

11:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest at Nouria, on Rockingham Road. William Valenzuela, 37, of Lawrence, MA, charged with Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

Tuesday - April 22

4:39 a.m. Auto Fire on Raymond Wieczorek Drive at Pettengill Road.

7:19 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at The Baldwin Senior Living on Woodmont Avenue.

8:20 a.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities at Staples on Nashua Road.

12:45 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported at TD Bank, on Nashua Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers.

Juan Gomez, 46, of Manchester, charged with: Issuing Bad Checks over

\$1,501 (two priors).

5:20 p.m. Eight officers respond to Suspicious Activity on Olde Country Village Road.

5:37 p.m. Peace Restored after a Disturbance on Chase Road.

7:12 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers results in transport to a hospital from Valley Street.

Wednesday - April 23

12:04 a.m. Four officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on White Plains Avenue. Taken/referred to another agency.

8:09 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transport to a hospital from Lambs Construction on Wentworth Avenue.

6:49 p.m. Overdose at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, on Nashua Road, taken/referred to another agency.

Thursday - April 24

10:47 a.m. Medical Emergency transported to a

hospital from Londonderry Middle School on Mammoth Road.

12:32 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Kimball Road. Nicholas Dryden, 42, of Londonderry, charged with: Criminal Mischief; Disorderly Conduct; and Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

12:59 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for Suspicious Activity on West Road at Elwood Road.

4:12 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Industrial Drive.

5:02 p.m. Services rendered for a Fire on Commons Drive.

8:53 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by five officers on Burbank Road.

11:17 p.m. Three officers investigate Suspicious Activity on Aspen Circle.

Friday - April 25

3:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check on Perimeter Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Everest Benoubader, 27, Manchester, arrested on a warrant.

7:50 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Litchfield Road.

8:47 a.m. Auto Theft investigated on Litchfield Road.

11:49 a.m. Drug Offenses at Convenience Plus Londonderry on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Ryan Medina, 30, of Manchester, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Transportation of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle.

2:52 p.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Hall Road.

4 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Wedgewood Drive. Christopher Caloggero, 33, Londonderry, charged with Harassment.

4:40 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at Power Lines off Page Road.

11:50 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Charleston Avenue.

Saturday - April 26

1:16 a.m. Four officers assist a citizen with transportation to a hos-

pital from Lincoln Drive. **10:37 a.m.** Services rendered on Timber Street for Neighborhood Disputes.

3:56 p.m. Seven officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department on Rockingham Road with transportation to a hospital.

5:54 p.m. Assault investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Sunday - April 27

12:14 a.m. Five officers respond to a residence on Hall Road for an alarm. Building Checked/Secured.

1:55 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at Page Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Anthony Ditomasso, 33, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Yellow/Solid Line Violation; and Failing to Drive on Right Side of Road.

6:41 p.m. Five officers render services for a Domestic Disturbance on Premier Drive.

9:44 p.m. Disturbance on Partridge Lane investigated by three officers.

Around Town

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May 19 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss it. Light refreshments will be served. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration begins on Monday, April 21. Register online or by calling the library at (603) 432-1132. Copies of the DVD will be available to check out at the library.

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.

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.

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.

Cookbook Potluck: Brunch!

Love to cook and bake? Then this is the perfect program for you! Join Leach Library staff on Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. for a brunch-themed potluck! Prepare and share a recipe from either "100 Morning Treats" by Sarah Kieffer or "Brunch @ Bobby's" by Bobby Flay. Please make enough for 20. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration begins on Monday, April 7. 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.

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.

Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7 p.m. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a lot line adjustment to adjust the lot line between two parcels, 15 and 17 Welch Road (Map 12, Lot 89-12 and Map 12, Lot 83-16). Zoned AR-1 (Agricultural Residential). Joyce Doucet & Joyce Doucet Rev. Trust (Owners) and Craig Fowler (Applicant).



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