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Body Swapping

Caitlyn Kuhn, left, and Chloe Ferraro played the lead roles of Katherine and Ellie in the Ovation Theatre Companies musical rendition of Disney's Freaky Friday last weekend at the Derry Opera House. See more photos page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

Appointment Process and Text Messaging Questioned by Public

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Last week's Town Council meeting had suggestions made on board appointments as well as issues riased on councilors texting during meetings. During the public

comment section of the meeting, Conservation Commission Chair Marge Badois calling for the Council to reconsider how appointments to boards and committees are handled. "We're coming to the point of the year where

the Town Council begins making appointments for different boards and commissions," Badois said. "I'd like you to reassess the process that you use to do this." Badois noted that while the Town Charter **continued on page 3**

Town Council OKs Tax Breaks for Baldwins and New Balance

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council was presented with two different tax discount agreements during its Monday night-meeting.

Both agreements allowed for significant tax savings for two large properties

One of those was in regards to the Baldwin Senior Living near Route 93 in the Woodmont Planned Unit Development.

"The Baldwin is a nonprofit voluntary corporation formed under RSA 292, and it is recognized by the Internal

Revenue Service as a charitable organization described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Tax Code"), and exempt from federal income tax," Town Manager Shaun Mulholland wrote in a memo. "The Baldwin owns, and operates on a nonprofit basis, a life-care community for senior residents located at Woodmont Commons. In accordance with RSA 72:23-c and RSA 72:23-k, the Baldwin filed with the Town in a timely manner seeking an exemption from the real estate property tax for

most of the Community property for the tax year beginning April 1, 2025. The Town Council approved the application and granted the property tax exemption for the property. In accordance with RSA 72:23-k and New Hampshire RSA 72:23-n, the Baldwin has agreed to make, and the Town has agreed to accept, a voluntary payment in lieu of taxes."

It was explained by Mulholland that the PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) payment would be for \$410,000 for 2025.

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Rezoning Debate Continues for Historic Home at 2 Litchfield Road

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The future of 2 Litchfield Road remains uncertain as town officials weigh rezoning and development plans for the historic property. At a recent Planning Board meeting, discussion centered on a proposed conditional use permit (CUP) and a potential zoning change that could reshape the site.

Laura Gandia, representing the property owner, explained that in 2006 the Town Council voted to rezone the parcel from AR-1 to C-III and placed a historical overlay along with a preser-

vation easement deed.

Gandia noted that the owner is now seeking to remove the easement and convert the property into a multi-family development with six units.

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron clarified that the requested CUP is tied to the property's current C-III zoning.

"Under the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board is authorized to grant, grant with conditions, or deny a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) following a public hearing," Caron wrote in a memo. She outlined six criteria the

Board must consider:

1. Public Need or Convenience: The use must meet a demonstrated public need or provide community benefit.

2. Public Interest: The use must not adversely impact health, safety, or welfare.

3. Suitability of the Property: The parcel **continued on page 2**

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Warrant Article Requests Pay Raise, Benefits for Town Clerk

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

As Londonderry prepares for its upcoming Town Meeting, one potential

warrant article is already sparking discussion: whether the elected Town Clerk should receive benefits equivalent to a full-time

employee. The draft article reads:

“To see if the Town will vote to begin providing benefits equivalent

to those of a full-time employee to the elected Town Clerk position. Upon passing this article, the elected position of Town Clerk will be eligible for applicable benefits equal to a full-time Town employee starting July 1, 2026.”

During a recent Town Council meeting, Councilor Dan Bouchard raised a key question: why doesn't the article include a specific appropriation?

“But we don't have a dollar amount,” Bouchard said.

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland explained that the article is about policy, not a one-time cost.

“It's whether or not we're going to provide benefits to that employee who works full-time,” Mulholland said, noting that the funding is already accounted for in the proposed budget.

“You do - it's in the budget,” he added.

Bouchard suggested adding a figure so voters know the financial impact.

“So people know how much that is,” he said.

Mulholland cautioned that doing so would limit the article's effect to one year.

“As I told you, that is an option...but then you're going to make an appropriation here and that's only going to be good for the one year,” he explained.

Town Council Vice Chair Shawn Faber agreed, emphasizing that the intent is to make a permanent adjustment to

the position.

“So this is an adjustment in the position,” Faber said. “We're letting the voters decide on it.”

Faber also noted the difficulty of attaching a fixed cost.

“There's no possible way really to put a number for that,” he said.

Councilor Ted Combes echoed the concern.

“We can't predict what health insurance will be in the future,” Combes said.

The discussion highlights a broader question for voters: should an elected official who works full-time receive the same benefits as other full-time employees? The decision could set a precedent for how Londonderry compensates its elected positions moving forward.

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Dec. 1 at 6 p.m., where further discussion on warrant articles is expected.

2 Litchfield

Continued from page 1 must be reasonably suited for the proposed use.

4. Impact on Surrounding Properties: The use must not create substantial adverse effects on abutters.

5. Traffic Impact: Traffic must align with roadway capacity and safety.

6. Access & Safety: Access must ensure safe ingress/egress and avoid congestion.

Traffic concerns dominated the discussion, with board members citing outdated traffic studies. Ultimately, the Planning Board

voted 4-3 to deny the CUP.

The meeting also included a public hearing on rezoning the property back to AR-1. Caron reminded attendees that in September the Town Council unanimously approved two actions:

1. Remove the Historic Preservation Easement for 2 Litchfield Road and authorize the Town Manager to execute its removal.

2. Begin the rezoning process from C-III to AR-1, including Planning Board review and required public hearings under RSA 675:3.

However, Gandia argued that the hearing lacked proper statutory notice, prompting the Board to continue the matter to Dec. 10.

To keep the process moving, the Town Council waived the first reading and scheduled its own public hearing for Dec. 15, pending the Planning Board's recommendation.

The outcome could determine whether the property remains commercial or reverts to residential zoning—a decision with long-term implications for development and preservation in Londonderry.



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OBITUARY

Holly Anne (Pucillo) Hufford



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Holly Anne (Pucillo) Hufford, who departed this life on Nov. 4, 2025 at the age of 53 after a brief but courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Holly was a cherished daughter, spouse, parent, sibling and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Born on Dec. 27, 1971 in New Britain, CT she was the daughter of John F. and Eileen E. (McClearn) Pucillo of Nashua, NH and the wife of Daniel J. Hufford of Londonderry, NH with whom she married on Nov. 2, 1996.

Holly grew up in Nashua, NH, and moved to Londonderry, NH after getting married where she touched the lives of many with her kindness, sense of humor, and unwavering generosity.

Holly graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1993 with a Bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in Spanish. In 1996, Holly started a 29 year career at Fidelity Investments, where she was respected and admired by colleagues and friends alike.

Holly was known for her passion for entertaining, and she took great joy in sharing these moments with family and friends. She was always there to lend a helping hand, offer wise advice, or simply share a laugh.

Besides her loving husband of twenty-nine years Daniel, she is survived by her two sons, Alexander D. Hufford and Dominic J. Hufford, both of Londonderry, her brother John Pucillo, his wife Lynn Basilio of Needham MA, her sister Deborah (Pucillo) Hill and her husband Thomas Hill of Concord, NH. In addition, to several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Holly's life will be held on Nov. 22, at 4 p.m., at the Bedford Event Center 379 South River Rd., Bedford, NH 03110. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share memories.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Holly's memory to either the American Cancer Society, or to the Jimmy Fund. Her legacy of love and compassion will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. May she rest in peace.



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Library Staff Criticize Draft Personnel Policy, Call for Greater Input

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on Nov. 5 to review a revised draft of the library's Personnel Policy, but the discussion quickly turned to concerns from staff about major changes and lack of input.

"I am concerned this is a completely different document than was on the October agenda. It seems like it was changed a lot," said Head of Circulation Megan Donovan. "The definition of 'exempt' employees, which I'm very excited to see is there, it does call the administrative staff 'highly compensated employees,' which is a designation that we don't fit under the Fair Labor Standards Act. If that were the case, you would have to

increase the budget by over \$228,000 just to make us 'highly compensated.'"

Donovan urged the Trustees to be more careful with wording and noted that the performance plan section appeared incomplete.

Assistant Director Donna Plante echoed those concerns, questioning why staff were not consulted. "I'm really disappointed in the draft that was brought forward to this meeting with no staff input," said Plante, speaking as a resident. "By doing this way, you are showing us you don't care, which is very hard to swallow for employees, especially very loyal employees." She suggested reviewing other library personnel policies for guidance.

Library Director Erin Matlin proposed forming

a subcommittee to address staff concerns. "We'll get a little subcommittee together with our staff so we can close that out," said Matlin.

Trustee Chair Liz Thomas agreed to postpone action until December. "We'll get the groundwork for that all done this month, then hopefully for Christmas, we'll have new policies," said Thomas.

With the holidays approaching, Matlin raised the topic of seasonal gifts for library employees. "Normally, around this time of year, we ask if the Board would like to make a purchase in some way to give to the staff for the holidays," she explained. "Last year, for example, each of the staff received a \$25 gift card that I purchased and was reimbursed by the Board. I

believe that came out to \$400. Prior to that, the Board has also provided lunch for the staff, where again, I purchased it, showed proof of payment, and was reimbursed. That budget is closer to \$500, because the cost of food has gone up."

Board members favored gift cards as the most practical option, a sentiment Matlin supported. "I'd like to provide a luncheon or something, but how do you do it for everyone? They don't all work the same days," said Thomas.

Treasurer Jan McLaughlin suggested personalized gifts such as vests or polo shirts with the Leach Library logo, but the idea was ultimately rejected. The Trustees unanimously voted to allocate \$400 to Matlin for another round

of \$25 gift cards.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Leach Library Meeting Room.

OBITUARY

George McKay



George McKay went to his Lord and Savior peacefully on Nov. 12, 2025. Waiting to welcome him were his first and only love, wife Maureen (Hewitt) McKay, his parents, George and Beatrice McKay and his personal bodyguard, protector and biggest cheerleader, sister Arlene (McKay) Asselin.

George was born Dec. 2, 1932. He attended local schools in Lawrence before moving onto St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, MA, graduating in 1950. He then graduated from the University of Indiana and Southwestern State College of Oklahoma. George was commissioned in the U.S. Coast Guard and then served in the National Guard and the U.S. Air Force, from which he retired with the distinguished rank of Lt. Colonel. During his time in the Air Force, he was stationed in Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma and finally Turkey with his family before returning to the States settling into Salem, NH. He also had tours in Germany, Spain, Greece and so many other beautiful cities overseas. Still enlisted, he would spend a year away while Mom would set up the new house stationed in Thailand and would earn the Air Medal in 1969 for his outstanding airmanship and courage as a navigator on successful and important missions during hazardous conditions.

Once retired from serving our great country, George completed the intensive training program necessary to become an Air Traffic Controller, then worked for the Federal Aviation Administration based out of Nashua, NH, where he worked until his retirement.

George embraced his retirement and newfound freedom to fully pursue his passions for golf and world travel. He would host his family on numerous trips to his Florida homes, Disney World and The Turks & Caicos. His favorite trips were to Ireland, where he sang along to the Irish songs (having known all the words) in his grand and heartfelt fashion, at the very top of his lungs. Some travels even included a game or two (or more) of golf. George was a great golfer but always seemed to have a "hole in his pocket." Yet, when he shanked one, a golf ball somehow magically appeared at his feet.

George's biggest love was his family. He enjoyed spending time with them, at cookouts, his children and grandchildren's sporting events, any time in general, and he always tried to make sure everyone was having a good time. He was easy to please. Give George a great Manhattan or his favorite dessert of Banana Cream Pie (just not a single green vegetable, his biggest dislike) and he was thrilled. He was beloved for his kind and gentle nature, sense of humor and his admiration for a good-or not so good-joke. George's laughter and spontaneous singing would fill a room, any room, no matter the size or location. He will be sadly and deeply missed.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen (McKay) Lee and her husband, Kenneth Lee, and son, George Michael McKay. Also, his grandson, Michael Patrick Lee and partner Nicole Murphy, Grandson, Zachary Taylor Lee, Grand-daughter, Elyse McKay and her fiance Andrew Morin, Grand-daughter, Nicole (McKay) Reyes and her husband, Adrian, and his two Great-Grand-daughters Ayda McKay and Myra McKay who he couldn't stop praising to those around him. He is also survived by his loving Nieces, Kathy (Ross) Case and her husband Jerry Case, and Amie Ross, along with his Nephews Steve Ross and Glenn Ross and many extended friends.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 21 from 9 - 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. The burial will follow in the West Hampstead Cemetery, Cemetery Rd. (off Chase Rd.), Hampstead, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516. To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Appointments

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gives the Council authority to appoint members, it does not prohibit boards from offering recommendations. "It doesn't say that the boards can't give recommendations for who they would prefer to be on their board," she explained.

In the past, Badois said, the Conservation Commission had access to applications and could invite candidates to meetings for introductions and questions before making recommendations. "It has worked very well," she said,

adding that recent changes have made applicants confidential, preventing the Commission from reviewing them.

Badois argued that restoring the previous process would help ensure cohesive boards. She also expressed concern that some appointments have been treated as "a consolation prize" for applicants not selected for other committees. "That leads to people showing up to a few meetings and then quitting a few months later," she said.

Also during public comment, resident Kris-

tine Perez renewed her request for a policy requiring Town Councilors to turn off cell phones during meetings. "We the public have very limited access to you and as a full board and certainly deserve your undivided attention for the few short hours you are before us as a complete board," Perez said. She added that if Councilors receive texts from audience members during

meetings, those exchanges should be disclosed publicly.

Councilor Deb Paul agreed that distractions should be minimized. "We should not be distracted," she said. Council Chair Ron Dunn suggested reviewing the issue when updating Council rules, but noted enforcement could be difficult.

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.

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Editorial

Live, Shop, and Give Local This Holiday Season

The holidays have a way of sneaking up on us. Thanksgiving is upon us, with Hanukkah and Christmas just around the corner. Some folks have their shopping wrapped up before the turkey hits the table, but many are still staring at the Advent calendar, wondering where to find those perfect gifts.

Here's a suggestion that benefits everyone: shop local. And no, we don't mean online, we mean right here in your own community.

Local shops may not boast the flashy "doorbuster" deals of big-box chains, but they offer something far more valuable - personal service and convenience. When you buy from a neighborhood store, you're not just checking off a gift list; you're investing in your town's future.

Every dollar spent locally helps keep businesses open, strengthens the tax base, and supports jobs for your neighbors. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Shopping local also means finding unique, meaningful presents. Our communities are full of talented artists, crafters, and makers whose work ranges from pottery and jewelry to paintings and handmade ornaments. These gifts carry a story - a connection to the place you call home. There's a special joy in giving something created with care, not mass-produced in a distant factory.

And let's not forget the role local businesses play in sustaining other

community staples, like your hometown newspaper. We rely on advertising from these businesses to bring you the news that matters most - school events, town meetings, and stories about your neighbors. Without their support, truly local journalism disappears. So when you shop local, you're helping preserve more than just a business; you're helping preserve community voices.

Dining out? Skip the chains and celebrate at a local restaurant or order a platter to-go for your holiday gathering. These mom-and-pop eateries are part of what makes our towns special. Imagine losing those favorite spots because we chose convenience over community. Supporting them now ensures they'll be here for years to come.

Beyond the economic benefits, shopping local brings something big-box stores can't: a genuine human connection. Instead of hurried transactions and scripted greetings, you'll find real conversations - about holiday plans, favorite recipes, and shared traditions. That's the kind of warmth we all crave during this season.

So this year, let's make a choice that matters. Live local. Shop local. Give local. Whether it's a handcrafted gift, a meal from a neighborhood restaurant, or simply encouraging businesses to advertise in your local paper, your support is the greatest gift you can give to your community and to yourself.

Letters

Community Pride Over Developer Incentives?

To the editor,

There are experiences you simply cannot get on a rail trail or a walk through park. I thought I was showing up for a one-time expression of why a project like this matters to every community. But I quickly watched remarkable people come together to create not just a trail, but an experience: a GPS-narrated journey that teaches you about the landscape you're exploring.

The Merriam Farm Conservation Area was sold to the Town of Pelham by Fred Merriam with the intention that the land be protected - and, thanks to the creation of Virginia's All Persons Trail, you'll learn about the plants, wildlife, trees, and the generations-long history of the Merriam Family Farm. Most importantly, this land is now protected from developers who would have leveled what's been a part of Pelham's story for decades.

We're losing too many of these treasures across southern New Hampshire. Once land is developed, the animals are displaced, the history disappears, and the character of our communities changes forever. What makes New Hampshire great is being chipped away.

This trail happened because Pelham Pathways, the Pelham Conservation Commission, and countless people and businesses from New Hampshire and Massachusetts, who came together to create some-

thing lasting - something rooted in conservation, access, and community pride.

And we cannot overlook the role of Executive Councilor Janet Stevens. Elected in 2020 as only the second Republican woman to serve on the Executive Council since 1913, she has shaped policy in major areas - from environmental protection to infrastructure and school safety. When Pelham's All Persons Trail hit critical permitting roadblocks, she stepped in. Her leadership helped break through bureaucracy and cleared the way - literally and figuratively—for this accessible trail to become reality.

Even U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan took notice. In her letter, she wrote:

"It is critical that we work together to help more people, no matter their abilities, fully experience and enjoy all that our trails have to offer... I am grateful to all of you who contributed to this project for your commitment to that same goal."

Pelham Pathways Chairperson Yvonne LaGarde put it best:

"But let's be clear: this trail didn't build itself. It was built piece by piece, gift by gift, hour by hour - by this community."

We know what it looks like when we lose the fight. Just remember the fate of Rockingham Park in Salem or the Woodmont Apple Orchard in Londonderry. Their histories are gone. Nothing remains for anyone to walk, explore, or

learn from. Places that once defined communities were erased in the name of commercial and residential development.

Now ask yourselves:

When do we stop erasing our history? When do we choose community involvement over short-term profit?

If you want to see what protecting history - and protecting people - looks like, go visit Virginia's All Persons Trail in Pelham. It's a place where a piece of New Hampshire's story has been preserved.

And it's a place where you are not forgotten.

Alan Roy
Londonderry

Smoke and Mirrors

To the editor

I would like to respond to some statements made both publicly and on line since the last Town Council meeting on Nov. 10, 2025.

First, "We've heard you on property tax relief". And then, "We moved forward a plan to give Londonderry \$1,000,000 in total savings to our taxpayers. Because of our actions Monday night, the Municipal Tax rate will be \$3.53"

Let's review the facts. Yes, three of the Town Councilors voted to take \$200,000 from the Unfunded Balance, at a tax saving of \$0.027, and yes three of the TC members, also as part of the entire motion, directed the Town Manager to lower the Budget by \$400,000 at a tax rate

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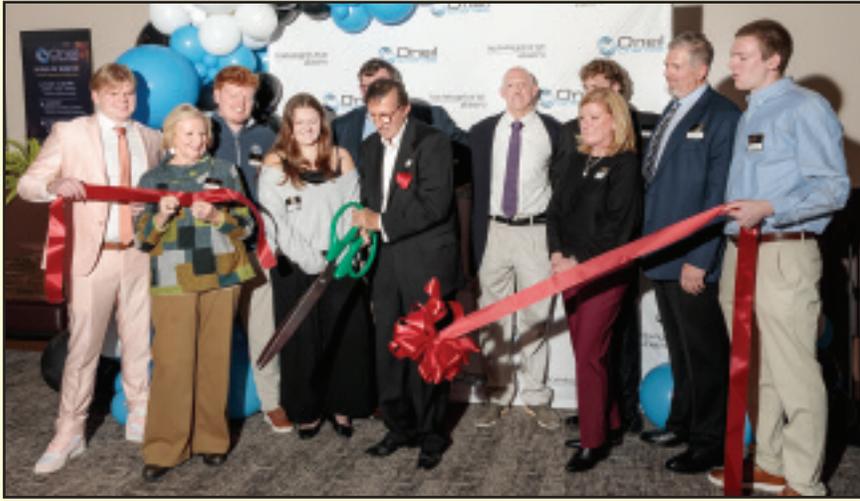
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O'Neil Cinemas Return



O'Neil Cinemas has officially returned to Londonderry, marking its grand reopening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week and a complete transformation of the theater. The family-owned company, with a 40-year legacy in New Hampshire, reclaimed the venue after AMC's departure and invested in a major renovation that blends luxury, technology, and community engagement.

Founded in 1982 by Dan O'Neil Sr., the theater has long been a fam-

ily enterprise, now led by Dan Sr. and his sons, Dan and Tim O'Neil. For decades, the O'Neils have been committed to creating spaces where families and friends can gather. Their decision to bring the theater back reflects a strong belief in the importance of local entertainment options.

For Londonderry, the return of O'Neil Cinemas fills a gap in local entertainment. For showtimes and details, visit www.oneilcinemas.com.

Courtesy Photo

Trunk or Treat Fun Despite Rain



Rain or shine, nothing could stop the fun at Berkshire Hathaway Verani Realty's second annual Trunk or Treat in Londonderry on Oct. 26. Over 300 families and friends came out to enjoy the Halloween festivities, with costumes, candy, ice cream, and plenty of smiles.

Even with a little drizzle, the parking lot was full of laughter, creative trunk designs, and Halloween spirit. Verani Realty is looking forward to holding the event again next year.

Courtesy Photos

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deduction of \$.053. That is no guarantee, and what services could potentially suffer from those cuts, Police, Fire, DPW, Library, etc. Then there is always the possibility that that money could be added back at the deliberative session.

Finally, the last \$400,000 was taken directly from the upcoming Warrant articles that we will vote on in March. Feel free to watch the Town Council meeting where they stated exact-

ly what Articles they were removing the UFB money from. The money that was applied to them from the UFB, at the direction of the new Town Manager and Finance Director, to directly lower the tax impact on these warrant articles. If passed their impact will show up in our December 2026 tax rate. So, if you vote for those, very needed, Warrant Articles the \$400,000 they "saved" you this year will be on your tax bill next year.

So where is the Million dollars?

\$200,000 from UFB \$400,000 from the Budget IF it is lowered And \$400,000 from this years Warrant articles, if passed, that you will be paying for next year

Now, I know that the voting residents of Londonderry are not naive. They need the facts and it is an insult to them that some of our TC attempt to mislead them. Shame of you TC Dunn Faber and Combs. Oh, and are two of you up for reelection in March? Hmm, robbing Peter to only pay Paul

later is an insult to our intelligence.

Thank you and please feel free to call with any questions.

Kristine Perez
603-387-6230
Londonderry

Rotary Youth Exchange

To the editor,
The Rotary Club of Londonderry is excited to share that we're preparing to welcome the world to our community through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

This global Rotary initiative gives high school students the opportunity to live and study abroad for a year - an experience that builds confidence, independence, and lifelong connections. Hosted by local families, students

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School Board Considers Options for Middle School Marquee Replacement

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During its most recent meeting, the Londonderry School Board discussed the condition of the marquee sign at Londonderry Middle School and potential options for its replacement.

Middle School Principal William Van Bennekum explained that one side of the marquee remains blank due to partial damage.

“One side can no

longer hold the block letters, as the plastic rivets that hold the track in place against the marquee face have come apart,” Van Bennekum said.

He noted that the current marquee was likely installed in 1996, the same year the school transitioned from a junior high to a middle school with a building addition.

As part of his presentation, Van Bennekum outlined the issues with

the sign:

- One side cannot hold block letters due to broken plastic rivets.

- Both interior faces of the tracks are loose and detached from the frame.

- All four locks are non-functional and require manual force to close due to bent slots.

Despite the damage, some parts of the marquee remain operational:

- One side is still functional, though some

rivets are broken.

- Both sides continue to illuminate.

- The plexi-clear covers are intact but scratched and heavy, making them difficult to manage.

Van Bennekum presented two potential replacement options: a traditional sign using plastic letters or a modern LED digital display. Based on one exploratory quote received so far, the cost to replace the sign with plastic letters

is estimated at \$12,500, while the LED digital option would cost \$27,049.

“While it’s not necessarily an urgent need, at some point we’ll need to make a decision,” Van Bennekum said.

He noted that the lower-cost option has been included in his proposed budget for discussion. Board members suggested obtaining additional quotes, especially if the LED option is pursued, as it may offer

more choices.

One question raised during the meeting was whether the PTO could help sponsor the project. Van Bennekum responded that the PTO typically does not conduct large fundraisers outside of those for the Washington, D.C. field trip, making sponsorship unlikely.

No decision was made at the meeting.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

Tax Breaks

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“The agreement is for a 10-year period. The base amount of \$410,000 will be adjusted annually by 2.5% each year of the agreement. Presently the Baldwin Senior Living does pay property taxes on what is commonly referred to as “the pad site” where Building F will be constructed in the future,” Mulholland wrote. “This portion of the property does not qualify for the exemption in RSA 72:23-k as it is not operated as housing, it is simply a vacant

lot at present. Baldwin Senior Living is paying full property taxes on this piece of the property. The agreement addresses this issue of when Building F is under construction and taxes that may be due while the building is partially constructed. Building F will not qualify for the exemption until it is finished and operational. When that occurs the Baldwin Senior Living will need to apply for that exemption. During construction PILOT will be adjusted based on

the property taxes actually paid on the partially constructed building however the adjustment shall not be less than the municipal portion of the tax levy.”

Mulholland explained that the municipal portion of the property tax for 2024 would be \$243,231.

One question raised was what would happen with the agreement if there are changes to state law which no longer makes the property qualified for the benefits.

Mulholland responded that they need to

reapply on an annual basis then the benefits don’t apply.

Town Councilor Deb Paul asked what the amount of total tax would be if they were taxed at the regular amount.

“It would have been about a million,” Town Councilor Ted Combes said.

The Town Council unanimously approved entering into the PILOT agreement with the Baldwins.

Later in the meeting the Town Council was presented with a proposal for an similar agreement with New Balance, a property near the Manchester Regional Airport.

Deputy Town Manager Kellie Caron explained that New Balance is purchasing the property at 55 Pettengill Road from the New Hampshire Business Finance Authority (BFA).

Caron said the property was previously under a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement,

which was approved by the Town Council in 2023.

“Per Section 8 of the existing PILOT Agreement, upon transfer of ownership from BFA to New Balance, the PILOT will terminate, and the property will transition to taxation under the Town’s Commercial and Industrial Tax Exemption Program (RSA 72:81),” Caron wrote. “The new agreement maintains equivalency with the original PILOT payment schedule, ensuring a consistent and equitable phase-in of local tax obligations.”

It was noted that New Balance was expected to close on the property on Nov. 20.

In a follow-up email Mulholland explained that language was included in the original PILOT agreement “when the building was originally constructed to allow for the transition to the CITE if New Balance purchased the property from the NH

BFA.”

“The terms of the CITE are the same as originally approved in the PILOT agreement. The new agreement merely removes the PILOT language as it is no longer applicable and continues the same conditions under the CITE,” Mulholland wrote.

According to the CITE, New Balance would benefit by getting a 50 percent off the assessed value of the property in the first year and would incrementally move to 15 percent in the eighth year.

Mulholland said it is an eight-year agreement and they would be in year four in 2026.

“The agreement will end in 2030 which is the same schedule as the original agreement,” Mulholland wrote.

The Town Council unanimously approved the Commercial/Industrial Tax Exemption Agreement.



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Senior Resources Committee Eyes \$5 Fee to Fund Transportation Services

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Senior Resources Committee met on Nov. 4 to explore ways to improve transportation options for the town's senior community. Committee member John Wilson proposed creating a new revenue source to fund these services.

"What we did last year is that we went to a Town Council meeting, and they suggested that we could take advantage of an RSA allowing towns to add a fee onto the registration fee and to use

those proceeds for transportation-related issues," explained Wilson. He noted that a proposed warrant article failed to make it onto the 2025 March ballot due to disagreements over whether to add the fee or request funding directly from taxpayers. "The question is whether or not we send a letter to the Town Manager asking to bring this back up for discussion again. Is this committee interested in attempting to get this through?"

Wilson favored the registration fee and ex-

pressed optimism that a more organized, better-prepared article could appear on the 2026 March ballot. Many committee members agreed, believing a five-dollar fee would be more likely to pass than an annual warrant article impacting the tax rate.

"When you register your car, there are different fees like the clerk fee. You'll see these little fees of two or three dollars," explained Chair Sherry Farrell. "If we were to go for this and it passed, it would be listed there as a transporta-

tion improvement fee, and the max we can go for is five dollars."

Wilson pointed out that the law allows for a "broad description of transportation" when allocating the fee, suggesting some funds be used to improve traffic safety.

"We also have a problem where the streets are dangerous to walk on. Some seniors have mailboxes located across the street from their homes. We wanted to use some of the money to deal with some of the worst cases

in town," he said. "This is a big step - we're helping people."

The funding request included "pedestrian facilities," such as crosswalks or stoplights. The town's Master Plan survey indicated senior transportation remains a major concern.

"I've been thinking about not getting people anymore upset than they already are with taxes," said Wilson. "I don't think you can get anything at Starbucks for five dollars. With the fee, you're talking about a cup of coffee."

The Committee formally agreed to support the plan for a warrant article. There was also discussion about including the Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation (CART) curb-to-curb service, using funds to offer free rides.

"My suggestion would be to have John, with our approval, schedule a formal meeting with the Town Manager," said Farrell.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Sunnycrest Conference Room.

Leach Library Launches Pilot Food Pantry Program for Holiday Season

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on Nov. 5 to review a proposal from Library Director Erin Matlin to establish a food pantry at the library.

"In your packet is a proposal to put in a food pantry down here," explained Matlin. "People dealing with food insecurity are not always able to purchase items that are needed, so I'm hoping we, as a library and the community, can come together so we can provide them a space where we can have a small food pantry."

Matlin noted that 2.2% of Londonderry residents are enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), compared to

about 4% in nearby Derry. She said the proposal would not impact the budget beyond \$300 for basic supplies such as shelving units, canned goods, and mac-and-cheese to get started.

"Food would be donated to the library, we would oversee everything," said Matlin, who added that Londonderry currently has only one or two food pantries. "We are open more hours, we would provide as much of a private space as we can for families to access, and the parameters around this is that the only foods that would be collected are nonperishable foods, with the addition of hygiene products."

Matlin offered to donate her time and initially planned to run the pantry with help from

library staff. The long-term goal is to create a volunteer list to keep the pantry operating, though the duration of the program remains undecided. Options included running the pantry through the holidays, through summer, or indefinitely.

"Where would you set the pantry up?" asked Trustee Chair Liz Thomas.

Matlin said the shelving would be placed downstairs in an easily accessible area with tile flooring for easy cleaning.

"Before last meeting or earlier, we discussed a possible problem with rodents. My concern would be this might be something that could increase that issue," said Treasurer Jan McLaughlin.

Matlin responded that there had been no recent sightings of rodents but promised to monitor the situation.

"I think it's a great idea. I think we should do a pilot - I'd say through the holidays. Now is the time we really need to get food in and food out to people who need it for the holidays," said Thomas. "The other thing is that I would like to include the

Friends of the Library to help run the food pantry."

Matlin confirmed that the Friends have already agreed to donate money to the effort.

"It will start as soon as possible, or as soon as I can get the supplies, and future ideas we can use for this space are school supplies or pet supplies," she said. "This is so important right now that I would make

myself available. I feel very strongly about this project, and I feel that it would be a great help to the community and those in need."

The Trustees unanimously voted to approve the proposal, allocating \$300 for a holiday "trial run" through Jan. 31.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room.

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Ovation Theatre Brings Freaky Friday to Opera House Stage



Members of the Ovation Theatre Companies performed the musical rendition of Disney's *Freaky Friday* at the Derry Opera House last weekend. The lead roles of Katherine and Ellie were played by Caitlyn Kuhn and Chloe Ferraro. The musical was directed by Meg Gore with musical direction by Ella Burroughs and Kevin Fisher. Ro Gavin was the Choreographer. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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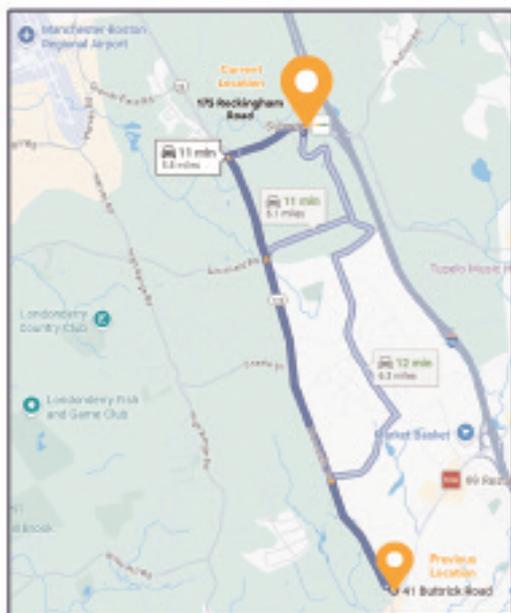
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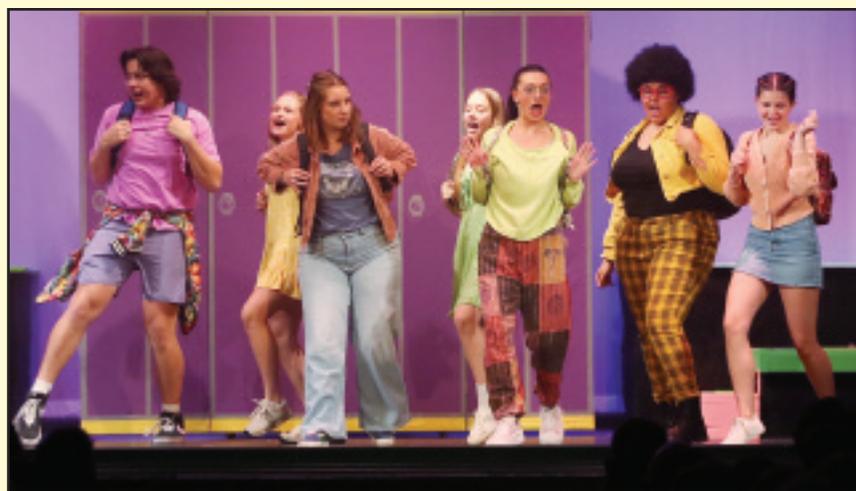
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Season Stats Tally Show Good Start for 2026

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Football team's season ended in Nashua on Friday night, Nov. 7, with a 15-44 loss to the Purple Panthers in the first-round of the Division I playoffs.

With that loss the Lancers season record against Granite State teams was a rather underwhelming 3-6, the lowest it's been since 2016 unfortunately.

That said, there were a number of players that had some outstanding statistics over the course of the 2025 sea-

son.

Junior quarterback Sullivan Daron accounted for most of the snaps this season, staying healthy and completing 108-passes out of his 180-attempts for 1,566-yards in the air with 12 passing plays resulting in touchdowns. He also ran the ball 51-times and tallied 183-yards rushing.

Daron was able to spread the ball out to a number of receivers on the field.

Fellow junior, Devin VanAvery, made 24-receptions out of the 38 tosses thrown to him for 396-yards this season.

He was also able to accrue 195-yards after the catch and six of those catches resulted in touchdowns.

Freshman Jackson Rao caught 16 off 26 passes thrown to him and tallied 338-yards, with 140-yards after-the-catch.

Another outstanding junior, Davis Magarian, was able to pull down 25 receptions and amassed 298-yards this season and had 173-yards after-the-catch.

Senior Braeden Ayers five-for six with 135-yards and got the team's longest reception of the season, and 82-

yard catch.

Senior running-back 23 Adrian Cruz played in all nine games in his final season as a Lancer, and led the team in rushing by running the ball 140 times for a total of 770-yards, seven of which went for touchdowns. Cruz also was able to make 47 first-downs during his runs and had a season long of 45-yards.

Daron carried the ball for 216-total yards, but lost 64 for his total of 183-yards.

Junior Broch St. Gelais ran the ball 20-times for 49-yards and had three-running touchdowns.

Sophomore kicker Owen Monahan was three-for-three on field goal attempts with a long of 35-yards. He also



Junior quarterback Sullivan Daron accounted for over 1,700 yards this season.

Lancers made 357-tackles and gave up 332.

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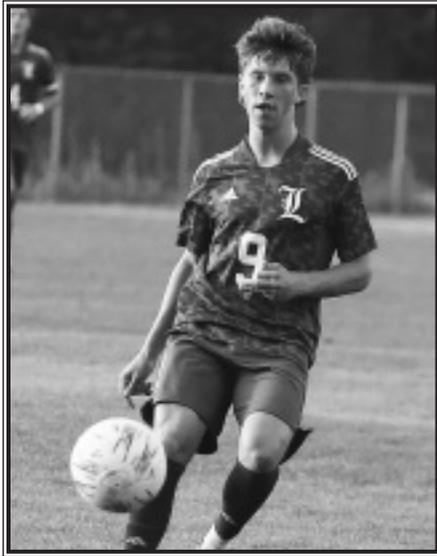
Lancers Boys' Soccer Players Receive State Honors

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team finished its season with an exceptional record of 11-5-2 and making it as far as the NHIAA Division I Quarterfinals where they battled to a heartbreaking 3-2 loss against the Bedford High School Bulldogs.

In that game, the Lancers kept pace with the Bulldogs, playing to a 2-2 tie in regulation, and two overtime periods, but lost in penalty kicks.

The team's biggest win during the 2025 reg-



Leo Sochanek



Will Gingrow

ular season was in the second week of the season, with a 9-0 shutout over Spaulding.

They also had three victories decided by just one-point, including a game against their

Division I rivals from Pinkerton Academy, getting a 2-1 win during Mack Plaque weekend,

in Derry.

Last week the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches made their choices for All-State teams, with four Lancers making the list.

Senior Leo Sochanek, junior Will Gingrow, Khoi Totten and Caden Jordan were all named.

Senior forward Leo Sochanek finished his final year of wearing a LHS uniform with a season high of 15-goals scored and notched 12-assists. Six of those goals were scored in one game, against the Salem Blue Devils on Oct. 14, where Sochanek accounted for all of his

team's points in a 6-3 victory.

Sochanek and junior Will Gingrow were honored, after their season ended, with a spot on the First Team of the All-State roster.

Sochanek also made the All-Region team for his outstanding efforts.

Another senior forward, Khoi Totten, who finished with a season high of 12-goals and 15-assists this season was chosen for the All-State Second Team for his efforts as a Lancer.

Receiving Honorable Mention by the coaches association was senior Caden Jordan.

Lancers Cheer Squads Take Second and Third at States



Lancers Varsity Team

Courtesy photo

The Londonderry High School Varsity Cheerleading squad competed in the Division I State Championship earlier this month where they were able to earn a third place spot out of the 15 teams taking to the mat at Pinkerton Academy.

The Pinkerton Astros scored 105.9 and took first, the Dover Green Wave were a close sec-

ond at 104.4 and Londonderry took third with a score of 91.1.

Head coach Chelsea Dennis and her fellow coaches were happy with the results, saying after the event, "We are so proud of all they were able to accomplish this season, and to be in such a difficult division with the most incredible D1 competitors, is truly an honor."

The Lancers Junior Varsity team took second place at the J.V. States on Nov. 8, at Timberlane High School.

According to Dennis, the team improved their score at every event this season, and ended with one final HIT performance earning them second place with a score of 80.7 behind Pinkerton Academy with an 87.9 total.

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Under the direction of Artistic Director Barbara Mullen, this season's full-scale professional production of The Nutcracker will once again bring together local talent and world-class guest artists. Appearing in the leading roles are Courtney Shealy (Sugar Plum Fairy), Andrii Ishchuk (Cavalier), and Elijah Geolina (Snow King and

Arabian), all members of American Ballet Theatre. General McArthur Hambrick, a Broadway veteran, will appear as Drosselmeyer, with live accompaniment by the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Mark Latham.

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Company members

are now in rehearsal at NEDE's home studio, Londonderry Dance Academy, preparing for the organization's two annual performances of The Nutcracker. The productions are scheduled for Saturday, November 29, and Sunday, November 30, at 4:00 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem, NH.

Join Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they battle the Mouse King and journey through the Land of Sweets to meet the Sugar Plum Fairy. Tickets go on sale October 15 and may be purchased online at www.nede.org or by calling 1-800-595-4TIX.



Front: Ella Craigie, Riley Gora, Eleanor Brouillette, Shaelyn Hoegen, Savannah Rivers, Abigail Zhu, Lily Kalas, Lily Fraser. Back: Zoë Harrigan, Ellie Varnum, Scarlett Horton, Alexandria Murray, Harper Wolf, Isley Morrison, Gemma Cardillo, Quincey Breault. Not pictured: Luke Anderson and Aubrey Patles. Photo courtesy of NEDE



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Football

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Cruz accounted for 25-solo tackles and assisted in 10 others for 35-tackles with one sack.

Magarian had 22-solo tackles with nine assists for 31-total including five sacks.

Senior Brandon Dyer totaled 20-tackles with eight assists and three sacks.

VanAvery and junior Dillion Doucette also had 28-tackles this year

Senior Lucas Palma finished the season with 24 tackles, 20 solos including three sacks.

Junior Nathan Mbuyi played in six games and got 21-solo tackles with eight assists and three sacks.

With so many underclassmen factoring in many of the season stats, the Lancers are expected to improve greatly next season.

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Free Holiday Craft

On Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. - noon, at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, the Londonderry Women's Club will host a free holiday craft event, for Adults ages 55 and older. Enjoy a morning of festive crafting. Register by Nov. 30 at info@londonderrywomensclub.org. Space is limited.

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The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on Jan. 20, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization

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SAL Turkey Shoot

On Nov. 21, beginning at 7 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will host a SAL Turkey Shoot. Come win a Thanksgiving turkey or pie and support the SAL.

Kids Decorate The Post

On Nov. 26, at 6 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will host Kids Decorate

The Post at 6 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Town of Londonderry will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Londonderry Nelson Fields (LAFA) Off Sargent Road (Behind the Central Fire Station). For more information, contact Robert Kerry rkerry@londonderrynh.gov, Engineering & Environmental Services at (603) 432-1100 ext. 193 or visit www.londonderrynh.gov.

Used Toy Donations

St. Thomas Used Toy Sale is looking for donations of new or gently used toys for its upcoming

Dec. 6 sale. Toy sale is at St. Thomas Church in Derry, NH, from 9 a.m. - noon. Drop Off locations: 5 Isabella Dr., Londonderry, NH, Drop off on driveway or porch; St. Thomas Church Derry NH, Drop off anytime; St. Matthew Church, Windham, NH, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sundays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Hampstead Jewelers, Hampstead, NH, Drop off anytime; Edward Jones, Chester, NH, Drop off anytime. Proceeds go to charity. The toy sale benefits needy families and the community.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning now and continuing through Dec. 9, Leach Library will offer a story time program for babies 0-18 months old. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Wiggle Worms

Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning now and continuing through Dec. 10, toddlers and their caregivers

are invited to the Leach Library for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

Sensory Saturday

Children and their caregivers are invited to a new sensory play time intended for children 5 and under at the Leach Library. A variety of sensory play activities will be available to promote learning and curiosity. The next session will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, Nov. 15. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Dungeons and Dragons Dragoners Club

Join the Dragoners Club at the Leach Library for a standalone quest on Monday, Nov. 24 or Monday, Dec. 1 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the 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, pre-made characters will be on hand. This program is intended for participants aged 12 to 18. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Adult Craft

Adults are invited to make their own wooden winter trees at the Leach Library on Thursday, Dec. 4 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Everyone will be able to make two. This class will be led by Ava Lane, a retired art educator and owner of Kaleidoscope Crafts & Jewelry. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration is limited to 25 Leach Library cardholders and begins on Wednesday, Nov. 26. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Registration opens on Nov. 27. Register online or by calling the library at (603) 432-1132.

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try offers the chance to share your community while learning about a new culture, language, and perspective at your own dinner table.

The Rotary Youth Exchange is considered the gold standard in international exchange programs thanks to its thorough vetting process for both students and host families. Students typically live with

two to three families during their stay, ensuring a rich, well-rounded experience.

To give our community a firsthand look at the impact of the program, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Switzerland will visit the Londonderry Rotary Club in January to speak about his experience and what it has meant to him.

But for programs like this to thrive, community involvement is essential. The Rotary Club of

Londonderry is currently seeking host families interested in supporting this life-changing exchange.

If you're interested in helping shape this incredible experience, e-mail us at RotaryClubLondonderry@gmail.com. Hosting an exchange student is a true reflection of Rotary's spirit of "Service Above Self."

Amber Adkins
Rotary Club of
Londonderry

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p.m., come to the Leach Library for an evening of seasonal and holiday music provided by New Hampshire's elite handbell quartet, The Garage Bell Band. The concert will take place after-hours in the library's Main Reading Room. This event has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. The Friends will be selling baked goods at the performance. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Dec. 5th. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, from, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will be

hosting this year's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the Derry Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, with The Rev. Dr. Marjorie Gerbracht (Rev Margie) offering the sermon.

Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat

On Friday, Dec. 5, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts. Book Bubbe, will read a story, followed by Shabbat service with musical accompaniment. All are welcome. Please RSVP to office@etzhayim.org by Dec. 4, to plan for pizza.

Sunday Family Camp

On Sunday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to Noon, learn about the holiday of Hanukkah and create some Hanukkah-themed artwork at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Also play dreidel

and learn the names and sounds of the letters on the dreidel. Please RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by 8 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13 to ensure enough materials for the artwork.

Lighting of the Giant Menorah

On Friday, Dec. 19, from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue continues its annual tradition of lighting its giant outdoor electric menorah. Join for the 6th night of Hanukkah and Shabbat Services, in prayer and song. The community is encouraged to bring their menorahs with seven candles. Jelly donuts will be served in remembrance of the miracle of oil.

Drop-In Tech Help

On Thursday mornings

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 10

12:58 a.m. Three-officers render services for Juvenile Offenses reported on Whittemore Road.

2:09 p.m. Services rendered for ALERTUS Activation at Londonderry South School.

4:08 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on King Arthur Drive. Charles Masterson, 55, of Londonderry, arrested on a Warrant.

4:57 p.m. Three-officers respond to a Disturbance on Sherwood Road.

7 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Boulder Drive.

7:25 p.m. Officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Chase Road.

Tuesday - Nov. 11

9:18 a.m. Disturbance at All American Assisted Living, on Button Drive, results in transportation to a hospital.

12:04 p.m. Officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Mammoth Road

1:42 p.m. Medical Emer-

gency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:20 p.m. Burglary investigated by three officers on Fairway Road.

2:48 p.m. Officers responds to a Domestic Disturbance reported on Capitol Hill Drive.

6:21 p.m. Unlawful Activities reported at Londonderry United Methodist Church.

Wednesday - Nov. 12

9:59 a.m. Arrest made by three officers after suspicious activities were reported at Jewell Instruments on Perimeter Road. Morgan Freeman, 25, of Manchester, Arrested on a Warrant.

10:35 a.m. Five-officers investigate a Sudden Death on Misty Lane.

11:02 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported at the Londonderry Police Department.

3:05 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Fieldstone Drive.

4:26 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Wiley Hill Road, at Colonial Drive.

7:53 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Justin Circle.

8:33 p.m. Three-officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Windsor Boulevard.

Thursday - Nov. 13

12:20 a.m. Three-officers investigate a Disturbance on Chartwell Court.

2:32 a.m. House Check conducted on Windsor Boulevard.

2:19 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Twins Smoke Shop, on Perkins Road.

5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint at T-mobile on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Shawn Deschene, 55, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Criminal Trespassing.

Friday - Nov. 14

12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check conducted by three officers at Wendy's on Nashua Road.

6:30 a.m. Services rendered by three-officers for Suspicious Activity on Buttrick Road.

12:03 p.m. Officers assist another police department with an investigation at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

1 p.m. Unlawful Activities investigated on Granite Street.

2:01 p.m. Four-officers Keep the Peace at TD Bank on Nashua Road.

2:15 p.m. Three-officers respond to a Welfare Check on Charleston Avenue.

7:06 p.m. Peace restored by three-officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Mountain Home Road.

Saturday - Nov. 15

12:41 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by four-officers on Rockingham Road, at Sanborn Road. Stephanie Meola, 25, of Londonderry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

10:09 a.m. Welfare Check conducted at the Bacon Barn on Sanborn Road.

10:14 a.m. Missing Person reported on Olde Country Village Road.

1:33 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on South Parish Drive.

2:26 p.m. Shop-lifting investigated at the N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

4:43 p.m. Three-officers

assisted a citizen with services at T J Maxx on Michels Way.

5:12 p.m. Services rendered by four officers during a Disturbance on Nashua Road at Janie's Uncommon Café.

7:24 p.m. Welfare Check on Finch Circle conducted by two-officers.

9:06 p.m. Three-officers respond to a Disturbance on Pleasant Drive.

Sunday - Nov. 16

3:03 a.m. Missing Person reported on Olde Country Village Road.

10:08 a.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Seasons Lane.

11:25 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:27 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Lowell Street, Manchester. Patrick Kiley, 38, of Derry, charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking - Two Prior Convictions.

9:23 p.m. A Motor Vehicle Complaint on Shasta Drive, at the Nutfield Country Store, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Rebecca Leonard, 54, of Manchester, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

OBITUARY

Kenneth G. Perkins



Born on June 13, 1946 in Boston, MA, Kenneth G. "For Goodness" Perkins built a life defined by hard work, devotion, and integrity. He proudly served his country in Vietnam with the US Air Force, carrying home a discipline and courage forged in wartime, and a lifelong commitment to those important to him.

That sense of duty extended naturally into his roles as a husband, father, and caregiver, where he led with quiet strength, deep love, and a humor that could ease the toughest day.

A devoted member of St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Londonderry, he gave his time freely. In the community, he was known as a friend to all, someone who remembered your name, asked how you were doing, and genuinely cared about the answer.

No one who met Ken could escape his warmth and quick wit. He was an avid Boston sports fan and lover of the game of golf. His happy place was on a golf course and when he couldn't swing his club, he enjoyed quiet Sundays watching the PGA tour.

For countless young people, he was "Coach" - a mentor who believed in fun, teamwork, and doing things the right way. Whether on the field, the court, or in everyday life, his lessons stretched far beyond sports. Many still credit him for shaping who they became.

He was predeceased by his high school sweetheart, Mary L Perkins (Veino), and two brothers, Edward Perkins of Vernon, CT and Donald Perkins of Marshfield, MA. He is survived by his loving wife, Penelope Perkins of Londonderry and a brother, Gregory Perkins of Long Beach, CA, as well as four children and eight grandchildren. He leaves behind James & Rebecca Perkins of Nashua, NH, Michael and Jordane Perkins of Hopkinton, MA, Jeffrey Perkins of Littleton, NH and Angela & Jason Reese of Londonderry, NH. Additionally, his grandchildren Haley, Charlie, Riley, Zoe, Finley and Hudson Perkins, Ben and Ash Reese, and a legacy of stories, laughter, and lives touched by his kindness and leadership. His absence will be deeply felt, but his influence will continue for generations. His children would like to honor his dance partner for the last twenty-three years and thank her for making a lifetime of memories and giving him the future he deserved...it was damn near perfect!

Following cremation, calling hours will be held Friday, Nov. 21, from 4 - 7 p.m., at Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday at St. Mark the Evangelist at 10:30 a.m. Family, friends, and all who knew him are welcome to gather, remember, and honor the remarkable man he was. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or to the American Legion. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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from 10 a.m. to noon, the Leach Library reference staff is available to provide one-on-one assistance in technology-related needs. No appointment is necessary. Please note the library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Memorial Bricks

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

Bricks: \$300, Each Additional Brick: \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout, along with the order form, are attached. For more information, email salpost27@gmail.com.

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025, at 7 p.m. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on a request for waivers from the Londonderry Site Plan Regulations: LSPR 3.6.4.4.3 to allow a deck to encroach approximately 10 square feet into the 50-foot side setback. 3 Pepper Mill Road, Map 002 Lot 27C-52 zoned Agricultural Residential-I (AR-1), William J. Shea and Alexandra V. Shea, Trustees, William J. Shea Revocable Trust and Alexandra V. Shea Revocable Trust (owner & applicant).

Public hearing for an application for formal review of a subdivision of Map 10 Lot 41 to create a new 12-acre lot on Pillsbury and Gilcreast Road. 15 Pillsbury Road, Map 10, Lot 41 zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1) and Woodmont Commons Planned Unit Development (PUD). Procopio Companies (Applicant) & Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC (Owner).

Public hearing for an application for formal review of a site plan and conditional use permit for 250 single family cottage court style dwellings along with associated site improvements. 36 Pillsbury Road (Map 10, Lot 42) zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1) and Woodmont Commons Planned Unit Development (PUD). Procopio Companies (Applicant) & Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC (Owner).



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