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**Town Council Debates Merits** 

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of Woodmont Tax Incentives CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council held a public hearing at their meeting on Monday night, Dec. 6 on the merits of a proposed ordinance that would give tax incentives to businesses building in areas of the Woodmont Planned Unit Development.

No decision was made on the plan that night, and the discussion will continue at the council's next meeting on Monday, Dec. 20.

Town Manager Kevin Smith and Town Solicitor Mike Malagutti presented the proposal to mont, which would be

spur development in the some of the buildings section of town near near the airport. Route 93.

Smith explained, "This is a property tax incentive program specifically designed for commercial and industrial development on all new construction. It's to accelerate development in the Woodmont subareas WC1 and WC2 where we expect most of the commercial development to come from."

He added that the tax incentive plan would not be available to all of Londonderry, just those specific areas in Wood-

the board as a way to on a smaller scale than

He explained that with building material prices still very high and the competition by town's to attract businesses in Southern New Hampshire this would help with the overall tax burden of homeowners.

He finished by saying that the tax benefit for businesses would only be for the first five to ten years after building, depending on the property value, and the maximum benefit would be a 50 percent deferment in the first year and would continued on page 7

**School Board Gets COVID-19 Update From Superintendent** 

ALEX MALM LONDONDERRY TIMES

uring the Nov. 30 Londonderry School Board meeting the Board got an update from the District Administration regarding COVID-19 operations after it was requested by the School Board during its Nov. 9 meeting.

It was explained by Superintendent Scott Laliberte that the District is currently in search for a registered nurse to take over some of the responsibilities for COVID related tasks.

options and most likely they will be able to bring

funds, which is part of cated to COVID. the American Rescue Plan Act.

The person hired for the role will be helping administrative with tasks and will help with administering COVID tests for asymptotic students whose parents sign them up for the voluntary program.

The District is also in the process of getting approval from the state to do rapid testing at the District office for those who are symptomatic to determine if they have COVID or not.

"That's going to be a erte said about having a

Laliberte said that the major thing they are working on is figuring out what information they need in order to create a plan going forward.

"The big conversation for us is looking forward," Laliberte said. "We would love to see some sort of planning

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ICLAY HUGS Santa Claus made his annual appearance at the Londonderry Town Common on Sunday and two-year-old Gray Tuminowski was one of many young fans to show their affection for Ol' Saint Nick. The Londonderry Rotary Club has been holding this event for over 25 years. See more photos pages 8 and 9. Photo by Chris Paul

# **Town Manager Eyes Possible Run for U.S. Senate Seat**

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air about who will 2022 race for the U.S. sidering running.

Senate seat currently occupied by Democratic lot is still up in the incumbent Maggie Hassan, but Londonderry be the running on Town Manager Kevin the republican ticket in Smith is currently con-

In a conversation earlier in the week, Smith said that he will be taking the month of December to weigh out his

He explained that big help for us," Lalibcontinued on page 3 one in through ESSER III district-wide nurse dedi-

# Planning Board Gets Update on Sherwood Drive Drainage Issue

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uring the Nov.10 er the Londonderry Planning Board meeting John Trottier, Director of Department of Public Works and Engineering for Londonderry, and Ken and Kim Taralli, the owners of the property located at 9 Sherwood Drive spoke to the Board in regards to the property.

Trottier explained that the Taralli's live downgradient from Braeburn Drive, which is a nine lot subdivision off High Range Road. He told the Board that the construction of the subdivision began in the spring of 2020, and all the stormwater flows from the north to the southeast have increased the stormwater flow for 9 and 11 Sherwood Drive.

He explained that for stormwater design they look at pre- development, which is the condition of the lot as it existed prior to any construction occurring and post-development. He pointed out that predevelopment flow cannot exceed post-development flow. Trottier also said that the detention pond was designed in accordance to the

town regulation.

post-development analysis was done, but the water flows to the left and impacts Taralli's property. He that Taralli said reached out to staff when he noticed there was a problem. Trottier told the Board that he walked out on the site in August.

Trottier also told the Board that they have been trying to reach the developer since August to resolve the issue and made some progress recently.

explained Tarrali that the property before it was developed into the Braeburn Subdivision was a 17-acre parcel used by the Federal Airport Authority (FAA) in the past, and said that it is the highest point and everything would flow south.

Taralli explained that when they started their excavation the slope was even steeper and the detention pond is at the bottom of it. He said that there is swale coming in from the west, a 300-foot pipe from Braeburn underground and a swale from the east that all feed into the detention pond.

He told the board, According to Trotti- that in his opinion, the developers knew where the water would go and they designed it to syphon off the detention pond on the east side and go down the slope to his property. He stated that he thought drainage rights would need to be secured before sending water across private

> property. Taralli also said that he has videos of water coming down on his property and he is worried about erosion killing the trees. He stated that the water comes off Braeburn to his neighbor at 11 Sherwood Road and then to his property.

He told the Board that he wanted to have something done to fix the situation.

Planning Board Chairman Arthur Rugg asked Trottier if there was a solution to the issue and Trottier explained that the best solution would be to find an area where the water will flow and stay in a swale to help the stormwater flow.

At the meeting Taralli said that he would be okay with Mitchell's office doing a survey of the land and wanted to

see three or four different alternatives.

Trottier explained to the Board that there is a note on the plan that states if it is designed wrong to not construct it until it is resolved, which is the point they are at now.

The Board asked that they be updated on the progress during their Dec. 1 meeting.

At the Dec. 1 Planning Board meeting Mitchell explained to the Board some of the things they are looking to do to fix the situation.

Mitchell said that one of the things they want to do is make the retention pond bigger so less water will drain out of it.

"Even though the pond may be of an adequate size by increasing the size it's going to slow down the rate of water that comes out." he said.

He also said that they are proposing to put a swale down the side of Taralli's house into the wetland in front of the house.

By doing so Mitchell said they would be able to control the location of the water coming out of the pond.

One question that he said. was asked was in regards to how much bigger the bottom of the retention pond would be. Mitchell said it would be 30 to 33 percent bigger.

He also noted that the developer would be hiring a second engineer to review the work that was originally done now and to talk to Taralfurther.

Town Council liaison to the Planning Board, Deb Paul, asked if there would be any remedies for the erosion or for the impact on the landscaping.

Mitchell said that he didn't see any erosion that was likely from the drainage but said that around his pool it is very spongy. They are looking to increase the swales so the water will flow to the ditch in front of the property that they are proposing.

"I'm happy you're doing that. I think it just shows that you are trying to be a nice neighbor and remedy the situation," Paul said.

Taralli said that he wasn't happy to hear what he heard during the meeting.

"I'm not really overly pleased with the plan,"

Taralli added that he was under the impression that there would be more than one option on where to put the

"This one plan is no more than Eric digging in his heels and saying that this water has to go out the east side of the detention pond and has to go south downhill through my property," Taralli said.

He also noted that at the last meeting they mentioned that water should be selfcontained in the development and no water should escape outside

"Here we are with plans to help water escape through the development," Taralli

Rugg said that the Planning Board isn't an enforcement Board and that Taralli had to work it out with the developer and the Town staff.

"It's really between you and Eric and our staff here," he said.

It was decided by the Board that they will have the parties come to the next meeting to get another update.

"Something has to be done," Taralli said.

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# **School Board Hears Presentation on School Testing Data**

ALEX MALM LONDONDERRY TIMES

uring the Nov. 30 Londonderry School meeting Londonderry Assistant Superintendent Dan Black went over different data with the School Board.

One of the things that Black talked about was the test scores for the state's reading tests.

It was explained that from 2010 to 2013 the school district's proficiency percentage for all grades was in the upper 70s which was above the state average.

In 2014 explained that changed when the tests all aligned themselves with the common core.

"The thing with the harder standard," Black

overall state average dropped 18 points that year from 76 percent to 58 percent, while Londonderry's only dropped by 9 percent from 79 percent to 70 percent.

"We were more prepared for these rigorous standards," Black said.

The latest data they have is 2018-2019 which had an average of 63 percent for Londonderry and 56 percent for the state average.

He said even though two year colleges, 12

Nick Therrie

they are entirely happy with some of the scores.

For the math scores Board in 2014-2015 the statewide average dropped from 64 percent to 46 percent. For Londonderry the scores dropped from 64 percent to 55 percent.

> In 2018-2018 he said that they saw some improvement compared to 2017-2018. In 2018-2019 they went up three percentage points to 50 percent which above the statewide average.

Black explained that two of the most important metrics are the graduation rates and college acceptance rates.

"Those are the most common core is it's a important things," he

He said that they do biggest He said that year the very well for the graduation rates.

> "We're a high school that has a very high graduation rate," Black said, saying that they are at nearly 98 percent or above each year.

> With COVID he said that they haven't seen a dramatic change noting that in 2019-2020 they graduated 99.93 percent of their students and in 2020-2021 they graduated 99 percent.

> In 2019 19.8 percent of students enrolled into

they are above the state percent enrolled in 2020 that in 2018 and 2019 average it doesn't mean and 13.4 percent for 2021.

> For four-year colleges 65.3 percent of students enrolled in 2019, 72.7 percent for 2020 and 69.9 percent for 2021

> Black also pointed out that there are a lot of different higher education paths.

> "They're going onto apprenticeship programs, they are going to college prep schools, they go into career education, they go to non-U.S. colleges," he said.

Black also presented For high school Black to the Board data in regards to the dual enrollment program.

> "These are kids taking classes in highschool they're actually earning credit for college," Black said.

> In 2019 they saw the enrollment which had a total of 405 students. He said that year the state made a couple of science classes free which accounted for the spike in enroll-

> In 2021 the total enrollment was 289 students, which was a slight decrease from 2020 when they had a total of 316 students.

> For summer school Black said that the last couple of years it's been used in a big way to help respond to COVID.

> > Black pointed out

they had 80, and 87 students enrolled. In 2021 he said they had 151 students enrolled.

He pointed to a few different ways for why that may be the case including having some new programs, bussing this year and they waived the fees this year for all students.

School Board Chair Amy Finamore said that she was glad that they waived the summer school fee for all students this year.

all summer school went well this year.

"It was a great summer," he said.

One question that was brought up by School Board Vice Chair Sara Loughlin was in regards to how they inform students about the dual enrollment program.

"How do we promote dual enrollment for our students," she asked.

It was explained that

in the past they would Black said that over- have representatives from the Manchester Community College System and Southern New Hampshire University come into the classes and they would have small group discussion as well. Because of COVID stopped and instead thev videos. Teachers also encourage students to sign up and have information about the program on Google Classroom.

Continued from page 1 make a decision in Janu-

In a statement sent to the Londonderry Times Smith said, "As I continue to receive and make calls to folks from around the state, I am very encouraged by the level of support - frankly from both sides of the aisle. As such, I am strongly considering running and will make a been the Town Manager public announcement of in Londonderry for my intentions shortly after the new year."

Smith, who grew up Londonderry and cers graduated from Londonderry High School, has the team's home games.



Kevin Smith

about eight years now. He is also the voice of the Londonderry Lanfootball team, where he announces all

Smith also held a seat as a republican state representative shortly after he graduated and before taking on the role as Town Manager made a run for New Hampshire Governor.

In that 2012 republican primary, Smith lost to Granite State lawyer Ovide Lamontagne.

Lamontagne went onto the general election where he lost to Hassan.

Smith is also currently the chairman of the Pease Development Authority in Ports-Smith mouth. appointed to the position by Governor Chris Sununu.



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# Editorial

### **Remembering Pearl Harbor**

December 7, 1941: a day that would live in infamy. It was the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day that thrust the United States into World War II.

Men who had fallen asleep awoke to explosions. Many U.S. sailors would be lost to the clamor and chaos. A total of 2,403 American citizens would be lost on that fateful day.

The numbers tell a morbidly fascinating story of that morning the United States came under attack without warning. Our nation was well aware of the turmoil and horrific events taking place overseas in Europe, but at that time we had our own battles those of exceptional economic distress - and war was the farthest thing from our minds.

But this day would change all of

The Greatest Generation mourned a tremendous loss of human life in the days following Pearl Harbor, and they would rally behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call to arms without looking back.

Today, there is time to look back with awe at ordinary people becoming extraordinary and to personally thank, if possible, that shrinking number of individuals who were there when everything changed.

In his speech to Congress and the nation on Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous

might will win through to absolute victory."

Sadly, the progression of time has dimmed the voices of the men who were on ships, who clamored to battle stations, who cried over lost comrades. Much of today's generation will hear of these events only from sterile textbooks and dry classroom lectures, information that may go in one ear and out of the other.

There is much that divides us today – some of it is of consequence, and some of it is merely the result of too little generational sacrifice, a lack of understanding of what is and is not important.

We should remember this event and inform future generations of this event not just by moments of prayer and reflection, but by focusing on being better Americans, and along with the hardships we as a nation have overcome reflect on our own shortcomings.

There were more dark moments to come during World War II within the United States. Out of fear and prejudice, Japanese-Americans were forced from their homes and put into internment camps. Two wrongs do not and never have made a right, and we would be wise to remember this today.

Freedom is important. We owe what we have today to the heroes of Pearl Harbor and to the heroes of the battles that would follow. We remember them and learn. And we offer thanks.

# Letters

### **Trump to the Rescue**

To the Editor,

Joe Biden, that hollow shell of a man, fumbled and bumbled his way to take the U.S. from energy independence to a purchaser of oil from Arab countries and other producers (Russia has been mentioned). Height of irony! They dictate cost per barrel. This enegma plays a large part in the inflation we now live with. This ing President. Stop Keystone pipeline and all drilling on government lands and water. Having created this caos that affected the entire world and poll numbers finding him under water, the Biden administration is trying to find a new policy. Return to Trumps approach. Open drilling of oil and gas on public land and water. The Interior Dept. auctioned hundreds of oil and gas leases from **Federal** waters in the Gulf of Mexico. This action came after Republican world leaders strengthen

myself, target Joe as the decider. I know he is'nt. His incompetence is demonstrated over and over. The question is. Who's in charge if it is'nt Joe?

> Dr Paul J Minnillo Londonderry

### Cats Out of the **Proverbial Oil Bag**

To the Editor,

Well, there it is. Finalbegan soon after becom- ly! The Energy Execs were in front of Congress recently. Sorry, to all the talking heads (Biden Haters) who say: It is his fault or his failed poli-

> Let's start with from US energy Information Administration:

> March 2020: "Total energy exports exceed imports in 2019 for the first time in 67 years. Crude oil and petroleum product EXPORTS reach record levels in the first half 2021". Please re-read this again, to be sure it sinks in.

When asked why? states successfully sued The answer was: We are in Federal court. Once a Free market enteragain Biden was on the prise. Meaning; if some wrong side of a problem. other country is willing This is happening while to pay more for it, than to question was then efforts asked: Well, doesn't this against global warming drive up the costs here and at the same time los- at home? Answer: YES. ing ground in the U.S.. FYI, this is also your Trump policy to the res- answer to the Keystone

cue! Many, including Pipeline cancellation, as there is no doubt in my mind where eventually this oil would have gone.

> This brings me to my age-old point of saying: Corporations, driven by Profit, consumed with Greed, answering only to Shareholders, who oversee providing anything which could be construed as a "Human need", absolutely need to be controlled by Gov-Disagree? ernment. Well, my company just announced а Increase in Health Insurance Costs. This would bring the total cost for a couple, to just under \$20,000 per year. Guess the CEO needs another million dollars bonus or a new boat? I trust you get the point. Bernie, where are you?

> I know some who have written have made a habit out of looking at where campaign contributions come from. For those, please have a look at where the Petroleum / Energy industries spend their campaign dollars. (This will tell you everything you need to know).

Perhaps now that we are a Country of; "We the People" again, we will Biden try's to cajole we sell it to them. The start to see a change? One can at least hope, right?

> Steve Homsey Londonderry

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# **GREEN Team Hosts Swag Making Event at Lions Hall**





Members of the Londonderry GREEN team held a holiday swag building night at the Lions Hall on Sunday, Dec. 5 where participants were able to create a numbers of holiday hangers from materials collected by the team. Those attending needed to be pre-registered and the money raised from the event will help the team with their efforts of creating a pollinator garden near Moose Hill School. *Photos by Chris Paul* 





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take place looking forward towards what we hope will be an end game," he went on to say. "That is a complicated process because we don't know what lies ahead for us but we would like to have some kind of a strategy by which we back off of mitigation strategies by which we get back to a more normal method of operation."

they need to consider.

specific way to determine when the pandemic is over.

"Public Health Departments do yet agree on a specific 'endgame' to the panshared by the NH Department of Health and Human Services is having 80 percent of your school vaccinated erte said

don't feel they will be this Advisory Commit- that

able to reach a 80 percent vaccination rate.

"The Administrative Team does not believe we will reach this benchmark either within our staff or within our student population. Our current approach to COVID 19 is not sustainable due to the need for the district to carry the liability and risk of COVID 19 for the range of reactions to the virus within the community," Laliberte said. "Currently 51.6 percent of the After consulting with Londonderry communi-District leadership and ty is fully vaccinated. leadership at the differ- With the current nument schools the Laliberte bers of COVID 19 in the laid out some of the community, and the low things that they think rate of vaccination we do believe our current One of the things that masking policy could was pointed out by Lal- become indefinite for iberte is that there is no the majority of the school year."

> Laliberte said that one of their recommendations was to form a District Medical Advisory Committee.

"It is the recommendemic, but one metric dation of the administration that the School Board consider forming Medical а Advisory Committee, to be composed of community as a benchmark to reach members with specific in terms of safety," Lalib- training and expertise in the medical field." Lalib-He said that they erte said. "The focus of

tee would be to provide the Board and District leadership with sound guidance regarding a transition through the end of the pandemic."

He said that the charge of the Committee could include:

Advising the Board and administrators as to the best course of action relative to a transition out of mitigation strategies.

Providing insights into the roles that variables such as positivity rates and vaccination rates should play in school operations.

Evaluating risk factors for students and staff in unique circumstances.

Providing substantiating documents for the deployment of state or national recommendations.

"If we are able to form a plan that allows the school district to regain its capacity to more normal operations, the Administrative Team does want to address more social emotional learning issues and needs as a school system," Laliberte said.

He explained that there are a number of need to

answered moving forward.

One is if parents choose not to vaccinate their students, and students catch COVID 19 within our schools, is the school system liable that outcome? for Andother is If staff choose not to vaccinate themselves and catch COVID 19 within our schools, is the school system liable for that outcome?

Laliberte said that they also need to find out answers to if they move to a "personal liability" response COVID 19 during substantial spread, does the school district have any liability when their cocurricular groups interact with other school systems that have stronger COVID 19 mitigation strategies in place? They also need to find out what are the current state and federal vaccine requirements for schools in New Hampshire? the In future. how would a **COVID** 19 vaccine requirement for students over 12 come about in the regulatory process? In the future, how would a COVID 19 vaccine requirement for different legal questions staff come about in the be regulatory process?

School Board member Bob Slater said that he didn't know if they would be able to answer the questions even if they had a medical advisory committee.

"I don't even know where you begin," Slater on the different questions. "I don't know if there's anybody in this country who can answer them."

Assistant Superintendent Dan Black said that he thinks that lawyers will be able to provide them with the legal questions they need answered. He said that once those questions are answered they will be able to develop a plan to move forward.

"One you all know the liability we have or don't have making a transition that's how we can start to make a

plan," Black said.

Slater pointed out that they could work with a couple of other similar size districts so they can come up with a formula and share thoughts and ideas with each other.

School Board Chair Amy Finamore said that she agreed with Slater that it would be a good idea to speak with other similar size school districts.

The School Board ultimately gave approval for the District Administration to do more research and gather more information in order for them to prepare a plan. They will also be giving updates at each meeting if there are any updates available in regards to progress.

### OBITUARY

### **Larry Steven Miller**



Larry Steven Miller, 72, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Wednesday Dec. 1, 2021 at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. Larry was born Sept. 14, 1949, in Reading, PA and was a son of the late Herbert

and Anna May (Schatz) Miller. He was raised and educated in Pennsylvania and received his Bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1970. Larry has lived in Londonderry for the past 42 years, having previously lived in Manlius, NY.

Larry served in the U.S. Army Reserve during the Vietnam era. He had been employed for 32 years as a Distribution Manager with Marshalls Corp. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, and was an avid coin collector and also loved doting on his grandchildren.

Members of the family include his loving wife of 47 years, Sharon (Holbrook) Miller, son, Christopher Miller (Teri Foley), two granddaughters, Emily and Ava Miller, a brother, Scott (Cherrie) Miller and his sister, Wendy Miller and a nephew, Antonio Miller. He also leaves his very close friends and "brothers", George Hayes and Paul Szabunka. Larry was predeceased by two brothers, Craig & Kent Miller.

After cremation, a visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 9, from 4 - 6 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry with a service beginning at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Sonshine Soup Kitchen, 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH 03038.

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### Tax Incentives

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step down incrementally after that.

Malagutti added that any business looking for this benefit would need to come before the Town Council and prove that the business has a "public benefit."

He defined that as

promotes the development of municipal centers, providing for efficiency, safety and a greater sense of community, an increase in the commercial/industrial activity in town including job creation and an increase in the industrial or commercial tax base."

Malagutti added that being, "Something that this would be done on a enhances the economic case-by-case basis and

vitality of the town, that the Town Council would need to approve each project as applications come in.

> The projects that will be able to take advantage of this program will be divided into three tiers; the first tier would anv property assessed over \$5 million: the second over \$2.5 million; and the third over \$1 million.

> For Tier One Projects there will be a 50 percent exemption in the first year after completion of the project. In the nine years after that, there will be a five percent decrease for each vear. In vear two it will be 45 percent, year three 40 percent and so on.

> Tier Two Projects would start their first year with a 40 percent property tax savings. The following four years would have those savings drop 10 percent

each year for the next next meeting. four years.

For Tier Three Projects the percentage of savings is slightly lower. In the first tax year, there will be a 30 percent savings, year two will have a 20 percent break, 15 percent in year three, 10 percent in the fourth and five percent in the final year.

When asked by councilor Jim Butler if the program is being offered in other towns competing for the same projects, Smith said that Derry has had one, but he felt it was being under-utilized.

Councilor Deb Paul had a number of questions, and felt the council would need more time to digest the new ordinance and thought that more residents could add to the discussion if the public hearing was continued to the

Paul asked if the length of time needed to ten-years thought that all tiers should have the same length of tax benefits.

Smith responded that the timeline could be adjusted.

Paul also asked about the process of granting a tax deferment to companies and how it would be done and it was explained that the entire council would make each determination as plans come in.

It was explained that no residential construction would be able to take advantage of this program and would also include revitalizing or rehabbing pre-existing structures.

Resident Ray Breslin added to the discussion asking, "What is the benefit to the citizens and taxpayers of Londonder-

ry?" He added, the more that's built, the more infrastructure would be needed such as water and sewer and was hoping that the town is looking for federal grants to help with that. He also didn't feel that it was the town's responsibility to support Woodmont as far as bringing in busi-

Paul also asked how long the program would last and if there would be a cap on the number of projects that could take advantage of it.

It was explained that the program expires in five years and would need to be reinstated after that, but Malagutti felt that putting a cap on the number of projects would be unconstitutional.

The council voted to continue the ordinance public hearing to the Dec. 20 meeting.

## **OBITUARY**

Janice M. Paige

Janice M. Paige, 86 of Londonderry, NH, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, in High Point Hospice, Haverhill, MA. She was born on Oct. 29, 1936 in Lowell, MA, a daughter of the late Martin and Rhona Molloy.

Janice was a devoted mother who was not only "Ma" to her children but also her children's friends. She loved the ocean, lighthouses and vacationing by the seaside in Maine. She cherished the many vacations with her sister and best friend June spent in Ogunquit. Janice loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, especially for Sunday dinners and of course holidays, where the grandchildren would be spoiled with many gifts.

She is survived by her daughter and son inlaw Julie & Charles Whitcher of Deerfield, NH, 9 grandchildren. 14 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 33 years, William F. Paige, two daughters, Janice Strong and Lisa Thune, two grandchildren Andrew Strong and Eric Strong, four sisters, Patricia Monahan, June Smith, Virginia Cooney, and Marilyn Dostaler, and one brother, Martin Mollov.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held on Wednesday Dec. 8, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Memorial contributions may be made to The Dementia Society of America. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

# **Argie Found Guity of**

CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

In the trail of William Argie vs. the state of N.H. a jury found the defendant guilty of First Degree Murder of his wife Maureen Argie and of Falsification of Physical Evidence.

The verdict announced Monday, Dec. 6, and Judge Marquerite Wageling announced that Argie would be serving a life

Degree Murder Conviction.

During the trial William Argie admitted to having a gambling addiction and insisted that he found his wife dead in their home in Londonderry back in April of 2019. He claimed that she had committed suicide by hanging herself.

Prosecutors for the state claimed that he

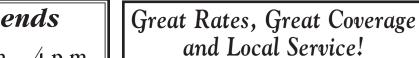
sentence for the First had strangled his wife to and debit card and was death and blamed her for his financial problems stemming from his gambling addiction.

> According to authories, after the murder. Argie left their home with Maureen's automoble, her cell phone

found at a hotel casino.

He also never called 911 after finding his wife had committed suicide.

During the trail a friend of the defendant testified that Argie asked him to kill Maureen.



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# **Rotary Holds Annual Holiday Celebration on Town Common**









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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

# **Local Middle Schooler Chosen for All-American Football Squad**

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Londonderry Middle School eighth Igrader was recently chosen to play football in Texas over the Christmas break at the Brett Cooper Junior Aca-All-American demic Bowl game.

Adrian Cruz has been selected for the All American football game taking place on Jan. 2 after a one-week camp.

Players are choosing

from across the country based on academics and performance. In New England, players are at the Playmaker Showcase Combine put together by the PUSH Program in Tyngsboro, Mass., where they are evaluated on their previous youth football season.

Adrian is was a powerhouse running back and middle linebacker who stood out amongst the best in the state amongst 13U Division



Adrian Cruz

Londonderry Wildcats.

Adrian has played the game since he was five-years old with his dream to one day play at a higher level and competing against the best. His dedication is shown the field as well as in the on and off the field.

Adrian is excited to have been selected and honored to be joined by three of his closest held on Jan. 2, in Dallas, friends from the Nashua where squads will be Pal Force 13U team.

According to the Bret players and coaches.

teams playing for the Cooper Football website, "The Junior Academic All American Bowl believes that every student/athlete that performs in our game must have both academic and athletic excellence on classroom and at home with a GPA of at least a

> The game will be coached by former NFL

# ivision I All State Volleyball Selections Announced

LONDONDERRY TIMES

preparing for the winter sports to begin, selection were made by the Division I coaches for their selecbest high school vollevfall season.

es made on those who this season. They were s high schools are coaches felt were stand- two of the four seniors out players this year and the Lady Lancers had two girls making the list.

Kelsey Sanborn made shire tions on some of the the Division I First Team Association's Division I and fellow senior Laura ball players during the Haas was chosen for Honorable Mention for ham High School Lady

There were 24 choic- their outstanding work playing for the Lady Lancers this season.

The team made it as Londonderry senior far as the New Hamp-Interscholastic Quarterfinals, where they lost to the Wind-



Kelsey Sanborn



Laura Haas

Jaguars.

Bedford High School 14-5 record. were the eventual state champs this season.

The Lady Bullbogs of more-than-respectable their coaching staff.

The The Lady Lancers fin- program also had a the year.

ished the season with a major achievement for

Junior Varsity coach Londonderry Sean Clougherty was High School volleyball chosen as JV Coach of

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# **Hickory Woods Community Helps Fight Homelessness**

Community in London- (when you are stopped derry is helping "Nora's at a traffic light, walking Knapsacks" an effort in a parking lot, in your organized by Phyllis and Tom Morris, residents of them the bag. We call Hickory Woods.

Their daughter-in-2018 while living in sacks.html Maryland and Cindi family ministries at Holy Hickory Woods neigh-Family Catholic Church bors to continue Nora's in Davidsonville Mary- outreach to help the land where Nora lived homeless here in New described Nora's work Hampshire. before her passing.

bags with granola bars, water and various other items and keeps these drives around the less neighborfortunate hoods of Baltimore and gives them to those peo-She is a brave person. Her courage has been an We, at Holy Family, have begun putting together

The Hickory Woods one who is in need during daily travels) you give these bags of estentials Nora's Knapsacks." law, Nora lost her battle https://www.holyfamilyto pancreatic cancer in church.com/noras-knap-

Phyllis and Tom Mor-

This is the third year "Nora put together for the project at Hickory Woods and it was the most successful yet.

Phyllis put out an bags in her car. She appeal through the association website in September, asking for donations of hats, scarves, socks, deodorant, combs, ple on the streets who hand warmers, chapappear to be in need. stick, shampoo toothpaste and toothbrushes. Soon, mylar blankets example for many of us. and rain ponchos were added to the list.

"The homeless popudrawstring bags of our lation has grown and the year. Keep one in your small daily needs as well gram. car. When you see some- as items to keep warm

months.Space is an issue with the homeless. They carry their whole world in these bags."

Phyllis and Tom were overwhelmed by the generous donations.

The bags were donated by Scott MacConnell, owner of Phoenix Screen Printing & Embroidery, Zajic, the coordinator of ris reached out to their son of Nancy Mosher who lives in Hickory Woods. Phyllis thanked the residents of Hickory Woods, "I am so grateful for my neighbors. We filled 187 bags! So many people will benefit from all the work that was done to make this possible. At this time, all of the bags are going to go to Families in Transition New Horizons in Manchester. They have groups that will take the bags into the homeless camps and also keep some for walk-ins that come to the shelter." She explained that a delegation of Hickory Woods neighbors will transport the bags to Manchester own. We are having need to help is greater on December 10th, tour them available after than ever. Nora's Knap- the shelter and learn masses throughout the sacks are filled with more about the pro-



Team assembling Nora's Knapsacks: Tom and Phyllis Morris (front). Middle: Mary Doherty, Linda Kelly, Sue Ott, Emma Greenhalgh, Cathy McMullen, Lynn Doyle, Karen Quinn and Peggy Piekos. Back: Phyllis Englemann, Joan McCarthy, Denise Penaskovic, Priscilla McDonough, Terry McDonough, Bob Doyle and Ellen Kennett. Courtesy photo

### **Got Questions?** Want Answers?

People often contact us asking questions on whatever topics they think we might know something about. The questions run the gamut from new residents trying to understand the area and its resources to residents wanting to know who to contact or how to get something accomplished that they believe needs attention. We do our best to give them accurate answers or point them to someone one or somewhere where they can get their answers. For example the other day, the paper was asked why the Drop Off Center is only Open

one day a week. Perhaps you to would want to know the answer to that question. Perhaps you have a question that you want answered, and you think others in town would like to know the answer as well.

We are starting a periodic column to answer those questions we receive. The questions must meet our publication's parameters. Please keep your question to 50 words or less.

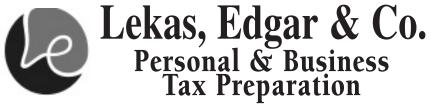
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# **Ovation Theatre Company Presents Elf Jr. for the Holidays**

favorite character is preparing to take the of Elf Jr. starting on Friday, Dec. 10, at Granite Salem.

Buddy, a young orphan, into Santa's bag of gifts North Pole. The wouldbe elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a Buddy embarks on a this play." journey to New York City and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his halfbelieve in Santa, Buddy

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The holiday season over his new family and is upon us and help New York remem $e\ v\ e\ r\ y\ o\ n\ e\ '\ s\$  ber the true meaning of Christmas.

Ryan Kaplan of Windstage in Ovation Theatre ham brings Buddy to Company's production life, describing him as innocent and hopeful. "He is so optimistic and State Arts Academy in always looks for the best in the people around The theme of the pro- him. It has been a dream duction centers around, to work through this show and explore not who mistakenly crawls only the over-the-top parts of Buddy's personand is transported to the ality, but also the parts which make him feel human."

Youngest cast memhuman, until his enor- ber Luke Anderson is mous size and poor toy- excited for people to making abilities cause come. "You should come him to face the truth. see Elf Jr. to see all the With Santa's permission, imagination we put into

With four shows to find his birth father already selling extremely well, Ovation can't drawn from far and wide wait to present Elf Jr.

directed by Meg Gore, ny, Ava Bicchieri, Jake with music direction Birch, Carter Blanco, brother doesn't even from Jennifer Brown and choreography by Miranis determined to win da Ronan. Avenley Allen na



Ovation Theater Company's Elf Jr. cast members. Courtesy photo

is serving as Assistant Director and Ella Burroughs as Stage Manager. The youth cast is of the North Pole: Luke The production is Anderson, Alaina Antho-Connor Burns, Meg Carroll, Sam Craigie, Mcken-Michaela Duffy,

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Horan, Cooper Jean, Kaplan of Windham. Charlotte Latour, Kamryn Latour, Grace McElroy, Malia Smith, Lizzie Sosa, Dylan Torre-Moody and Everett Vago of Londonderry; Julia Dowd of Amherst; Grace Perkins of Auburn; Abby Parnell of Hampstead; Cailean Anderson of Hudson; and Ryan

Elf Jr. will be presented on Friday, December 10. at 7:00 pm. Saturday. December 11 at 1:00 and 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 pm at Granite State Arts Academy (19 Keewaydin Dr, Salem, NH). The lobby will open an hour before each show, with

fun holiday activities planned for younger patrons.

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for children age 5 and under) and are on sale at OvationTC.com. Ovation is not requiring proof of vaccination, however facemasks will required for all audience members.



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### **Christmas Drive** Through

Come get into the Christmas Spirit! Join your friends at Londonderry Christian Church for a Christmas Drive Through Event at LCC, 372 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, from 6 - 8 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 12. Come Drive Through their parking lot to see the lights of the season, hear some of your favorite Christmas songs and enjoy some tasty Christmas treats, all in

will be free hot chocolate, s'mores, candy canes, music, a game for kids, a fun family photo and more, and you don't have to leave your car! Or you can park and roast your s'mores together at their firepit! Merry Christmas!

### **Karaoke Night**

On Dec. 10, American Legion Post 27 will hold a Karaoke Night with DJ Sharon from 7:30-11 pm. Located at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the this occasion. An unforget-

under 10 minutes! There fire station on Mammoth Rd.) Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

### **Free Christmas Event**

Christmas Special on Dec. 23 & 24 at 7 p.m., at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry. Text HOPE4U to 97000 to register for free tickets. The Christmas Special is a rendition of the Christmas story with heartfelt original music and dramatization written specifically for table memory for the entire family in this time of crisis and uncertainty for our world. Come and receive this gift of hope thoughtfully prepared to bless you and honor the birth of Christ the Savior. Appetizing refreshments will be served after each showing.

### **Live Music**

On Dec. 17, American Legion Post 27 will host a Live music presentation with Jeff Mrozek from 7:30 - 11 p.m. Located at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.

### **Legion Meeting**

On Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will their Monthly General Meeting, all members are welcome to attend. Located at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

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### **Christmas Party**

On Dec. 11, American Legion Post 27 will hold a Children's Christmas Party from 10 a.m. - noon. Kids up to 8 years old can meet Santa and get a present. Must sign-up at the Post in advance. Located at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

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### **Craft Time**

On Monday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft time Continued on page 15

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# **Londonderry Police Log**

**Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs** 

**Monday - Nov. 29 3:13 a.m.** Report of Missing Person and investigated on Page Road.

**9:43 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

**8 p.m.** Identity Theft investigated on King Arthur Drive.

**11:41 p.m.** Report of Criminal Threatening results in transportation to a hospital from Mammoth Road.

Tuesday - Nov. 30 12:44 a.m. Auto Theft investigated at Londonderry Police Department.

**2:07 a.m.** Welfare Check on Rockingham Road results in transportation to a hospital.

**7:49 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Burger King on Nashua Road.

**4:32 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Suicide Attempt/ Threat on Nashua Road **7:24 p.m.** Peace restored

by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on South Road

**8:52 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance on King Henry Drive.

Wednesday - Dec. 1 2:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road at Route 93 leads to an arrest made. David Federschneider, 41, of Lawrence, Mass. charged with

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### **Around Town**

Continued from page 13 will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, YouTube channel. Make a winter mouse ornament with Mr. Taylor! Craft kits are available at the children's room desk while supplies last.

### **Free Meals**

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5

### **Blue Christmas Service**

Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., Hampstead, will offer Blue Christmas: a Service of Remembrance, Comfort, and Hope, on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. For many, the holiday season with its emphasis on family, joy, giving, and "good cheer" can be a painful time. The loss of a loved one, the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of continued isolation and pandemic stress; all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the

celebrating. You are invited into a space and time to acknowledge your sadness and concern. Please know that you are not alone. Join us for this quiet contemplative service of prayer, scripture and music. The service will be in person as well as live streamed and recorded. Please see hampsteaducc.org more information.

### **Young Adult Craft**

On Monday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel. Miss Megan will demonstrate how to make your own wooden nutcracker. Craft kits are available by the main desk while supplies last.

### **Story Time**

On Monday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m., join Miss Jennifer for "A Snowy Day" story time! The video will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page for a limited time.

### **Voter Information**

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry 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 should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. Any questions contact Kristin Grages Supervisors of the Checklist Town of

1100, ext 198.

### **Need a Tutor?**

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# **Eversource & Better Business Bureau Offer Ways to Avoid Winter Scams**

versource and the tale signs of a scam ■eau (BBB) are teamweeks.

Better Business Burbefore falling victim.

"These scammers - ofing up to urge New Eng- ten sounding legitimate landers to be aware of and quite convincing scammers. Due to a spike may threaten to shut off in COVID-19-related scams, electric service immedithe colder weather and ately unless instant payincreased demand for ment is made, sometimes energy nationwide, Ever- with a prepaid debit card, source and the BBB ex- which should be a red pect to see a rise in utili-flag," said Eversource Exty scams in the coming ecutive Vice President, Sophisticated Customer Experience and scammers are always Energy Strategy Penni working to find unique Conner. "Scammers are schemes to take advan- constantly changing their tage of, so it's vital resi- tactics to take advantage dents and businesses of unsuspecting customknow how to spot tell- ers and prey on people

when they feel most vulnerable, like during the holidays. That's why we're warning customers to beware - if they get a call or text and something doesn't seem right - don't panic and don't pay and remember - we will never threaten to disconnect service or demand instant payment over the phone."

Another tactic being used is the overpayment scam, when scammers call claiming that the person overpaid their utility bill and request their personal bank account or credit card infund. Also, due to the popularity of smartphone use, "phishing" or "smishing" scams are increasingly common - when a person receives a text message requesting personal information from scammers pretending to be from a reputable company.

Tips to help avoid becoming a victim:

Eversource representatives never demand instant payment over the phone, don't require the use of pre-paid debit cards (such as Green Dot, MoneyPak, Vanilla or

formation to give a re- Reloadit prepaid cards) and never request customers meet at a payment center, such as a Walmart or Big Y grocery store to make the payment.

Never provide personal financial or account information to any unsolicited person on the phone, at the door or online, even if they seem legitimate.

Customers who are scheduled for disconnection due to nonpayment receive written notice that includes information on how to maintain their service.

Customers can verify they are speaking with an Eversource representative by asking for some basic information about their account - like the name on the account, the account address, and the exact past due balance.

Eversource urges anyone who has doubts about the legitimacy of a call, visit or an offer, to contact the company directly at 800-662-7764. For more information on how to protect personal information and avoid being a victim of utility scams visit Eversource.com.

## **Police Log**

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Driving after a Revoked/Suspended License; 8:36 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle; and two Bench Fieldstone Drive. Warrants.

12:11 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Angelo Lane. **12:38 p.m.** Medical Emergency at the Londonderry Middle School transported to a Hospital. 1:17 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at the Londonderry Middle School.

**4:40 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Seminole Place.

**5:18 p.m.** Services renter Boston Regional Air- Drive.

investigated on Norwich Place.

Thursday - Dec. 2 **3:01 a.m.** Suspicious Activity leads to an arrest made on Rockingham Road. Matthew Sargent, 21, of Kittery Point, Maine, charged with Bench Warrants.

**4:17 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:18 a.m. Domestic Disturbance call leads to an dered for Disorderly arrest made by five offi-Conduct at the Manches- cers on Constitution Derry Police Depart-

10:18 a.m. Services ren-**6:12 p.m.** Identity Theft dered to Keep the Peace at Londonderry Pediatrics on Buttrick Road. 2:12 p.m. Sex Offenses Driving a Unregistered Activity investigated on investigated at the Mac-Gregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**3:15 p.m.** Auto Theft investigated at Enterprise Car Rental on Airport Road.

4:53 p.m. Services rendered for a Complaint at the MacGregor Cut Ap-Road.

**8:09 p.m.** Peace restored by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Winding Pond Road

Friday - Dec. 3 1:50 a.m. Assisted the Tsinneto Road.

Derry Police Department with services on Canterbury Lane.

10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest at Home Depot on Nashua Road. Three officers assist with charging Justin Tuerck, 37, of Manchester, with Drive After Revoked/Suspended Licence (Driving Under the Influence); and Alcoartments on Stonehenge hol Interlock Motor Vehicle Not Equipped with Interlock.

> 11:36 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Midridge Circle.

1:58 p.m. Services rendered for a Repossession at the MacGregor Cut Apartments on ment with services on Stonehenge Road.

Saturday - Dec. 4

9:48 a.m. Assisted the 4:46 a.m. Medical Emergency investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

> 5:26 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Symmes Drive at the Park and Ride North.

12:13 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Capitol Hill Drive.

9 p.m. Criminal Mischief Investigated by four officers on Mohawk Drive.

Sunday - Dec. 5 12:59 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on Industrial Drive.

1:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest made by three officers at

the Rail Trail on Harvey Road. Sharon Olson, 31, of Litchfield charged with Falsify Physical Evidence (Alter, Destroy, Hide); and Possession of Controlled Drug: Schedule 1-4.

1:04 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Services on Clover Lane.

3:49 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Services on Wyndmere Drive.

8:28 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport

p.m. Complaint 8:47 investigated at the Mac-Gregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.



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