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Kitt Plummer and his wife, Kathy, are carrying on the family's farming legacy at their Christmas Tree Farm on Pillsbury Road. The couple's three grandchildren Jasmine, Layla and Anastasia were at the farm on Sunday morning. Photo by Chris Paul

The Plummer Family: A Londonderry Legacy

MELISSA RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Many residents probably are unaware of the fact that the Plummer family is currently the oldest farming family in Londonderry. With the departure of Andy Mack from Moose Hill Orchards over a year ago, the Plummers now have

the longest roots into the ground of the town.

From the original Londonderry settler, Abel Plummer, to the hard-working, Kitt Plummer, members of the Plummer family have provided for and supported the people of NH for generations, and their story

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School Board Looks at a 1.5% Budget Increase

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The proposed FY24 budget was presented to the School Board at their Nov. 22 meeting.

Interim Superintendent, Dan Black, said the point of the meeting was to turn the budget over to the School Board and the public for their review. They have two weeks to review it before their first budget hearing.

"Tonight we hand it over to you all," said Black.

The overall proposed budget was \$85,436,043.

"Our main goal is to continue to fund a school system that has a strong academic program that provides a clear path to be career and college ready, while also providing a rich and balanced co-curricular program that allows our students to blossom outside the classroom as well," Black said in the proposed budget address. "Providing this opportunity for a well-rounded student is at the heart of what the Londonderry School District does for our community."

Black stated this year

they worked hard to limit the amount of growth in the budget.

"There were a lot of tough decisions we made," said Black.

In this year's proposed budget, the increase compared to FY 23 would be \$1,274,746, after having an increase of \$2,663,841 in FY 23. The proposed increase is 1.51%.

The increase would be the lowest in at least five budget cycles.

"While we work towards this goal every year, we intend to produce budgets that limit

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Council Propose Change to Charter for Town Treasurer

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During the Monday night, Nov. 21 Town Council meeting, members opened a public hearing on whether to move forward in the process of putting a warrant question on the March ballot asking voters to change the Town Treasurer to an appointed position rather than an elected one.

The change would be an amendment to the Town Charter, therefore it would need to be voted on by the citizens.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, explained that by going with an appointed Treasurer, they would be more in line

with communities of the same size as Londonderry.

"It is something that the finance director and I believe should be at least considered," said Malaguti.

He explained he thinks most of the functions of the Town Treasurer could be done in house.

"This is something we think will improve efficiencies," said Malaguti.

He said that it would also give them more say in picking someone who has credentials to do the positions.

Finance Director, Justin Campo, said they have been lucky to have qualified people who have run for the seat

and have been elected, however, he is concerned when "luck runs out" and they may have someone who isn't qualified.

Campo said some of the roles of the Town Treasurer includes being responsible for deposits, verifying that purchasing is being done properly, and staying in compliance with

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Town Council Discuss Public Safety Personnel Budgets

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The public safety personnel budget was in discussion at the Nov. 21 Budget workshop meeting.

It was explained during the previous meeting that as part of the FY 23 proposed budget Londonderry Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, and the Administration is proposing to freeze the hiring for four positions within the police department that they usually aren't able to fill in order to fund other expenses.

He explained previously he is unaware of the last time in the last 10 years they were able to fill the four positions in question.

Police Chief, Kim Bernard, feels the positions should be kept in the budget.

It was explained by Bernard the department is budgeted for 67 positions. Out of those, 12 are obligated to be for the airport through their partnership, four are detectives, three are for services like train-

ing, four are school resource officers, and 10 are for their command staff. He said they also have 10 sergeants.

One of the issues in question was when it comes to overtime.

Budget Committee Chair, Steve Breault, asked if there was any way they would be able to cut down on it.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, asked if they have a full department, how much they can cut from overtime.

"Is 30% a good goal," Farrell asked.

Finance Director, Justin Campo, said it would cost about \$600,000 for four sworn officers. Right now they are short five positions.

Farrell asked if they could cut \$300,000 out of the \$727,000 budgeted for overtime if they had a full staff.

Bernard said they would be able to, but didn't commit to a certain amount saying that there are other factors including things like Old Home Days, along with people being out sick or

on vacation. He said when they are below minimum staffing and someone calls out sick, officers are forced to work overtime.

He said there is also training that they have to account for as well.

"You have to cover the shift, you have to provide the service the community asks us to do," said Bernard.

Bernard also pointed to open positions for dispatchers.

"We had not seen that increase with two vacancies in dispatch," said Bernard.

Town Council Vice Chairman, John Green, pointed out that as the staffing issues have become worse, the overtime costs have gone up.

"As this staffing issue becomes worse, your overtime line continues to climb," said Green.

Farrell noted that it may be a good idea to look at having some type of first responders bond on the ballot, which would ask voters to fund the additional

money needed for the personnel. He said it would help with making the default budget lined up with what they need.

In addition to staffing concerns, Bernard also pointed to "VIP" visits, which causes overtime.

He explained that when people like elected officials, or in some cases presidents come to visit, they need to provide security for it.

It was asked if there is a way to get the campaigns to pay for it, however, Farrell said they have been trying for decades without success.

He said some campaigns will pay, but most don't.

"They do get bills," said Farrell.

Breault said he ulti-

mately wants to see the police department come back with some kind of tangible cuts they can make from the overtime line.

Malaguti explained that when it comes to the Police Department they aren't slashing any positions from the budget, instead they are freezing the positions, noting they aren't projected to be able to fill all the positions in FY 24. He said by doing so it will correct their default budget going forward.

"All together we are proposing increases and not decreases to the police budget line," said Malaguti.

It was noted by Campo that if they are able to find qualified candidates to fill all the

positions they would work to be able to fund them.

Fire Chief, Darren O'Brien, said they were over \$300,000 for the firefighter line for overtime and they were under \$304,000 for salaries.

He explained that ultimately the money they saved by not having all their personnel filled was washed out by the amount of overtime they had to pay. Right now they are down six people, he said.

O'Brien said that they have five people coming in for the interview with him and out of that, historically three will make it through to the next round. He said that they would be having another round of interviews in December.

School

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the amount their growth year to year while also minimizing the differential between the proposed operating budget and the default budget," said Black.

With most budgets, the biggest cost overall is the personnel. In this year's proposed budget, salaries make up 52% of the budget and benefits make up 30% of the budget.

One of the changes made was reducing the number of full time employees from the high school by three due to a projected decrease in enrollment at the school by 60 students.

It was explained that by doing so they will be able to allocate those funds elsewhere.

One of those positions will be an Elementary School Curriculum Coordinator.

"We funded this position with ESSER funding this school year and it has already proved highly valuable to support staff and coordinate the continued changes to our math curriculum and upcoming changes to our literacy curriculum," The proposed budget reads. "We have this position at the middle school and high school now. This position ensures staff and elementary administrators get the support and focus need-

ed in our curriculum areas."

It was also pointed out that due to the increase in students' devices it means that they need more IT support. The proposal is to add a new IT position.

Overall, with all the personnel moves being proposed, the school district would save \$37,660.

Black said the entire personnel budget would be discussed in detail during their Dec. 6 meeting. On Dec. 13 they will hear from all the schools, and on Dec. 20 they will hear from the rest of the departments.

This year's deliberative session is slated to take place on Feb. 10.

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Town Council Discuss the Start of a Utilities Committee

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Town Council members discussed a proposal to create a Utilities Committee to discuss and address issues related to utilities in Londonderry at the Nov. 21 Town Council meeting.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti said the idea of creating a standing committee was suggested to them in order to have a comprehensive study of

the issues.

He said the utilities he was proposing they look at regarding the cost and availability includes broadband internet, drinking water, propane heating oil, fuel for town vehicles, and electricity.

"There was a lot of discussion about these various utilities and the need to address these issues on a comprehensive basis," said Malaguti.

It was pointed out by Malaguti that right now they have an energy task force, however, it doesn't examine other issues or utilities outside of energy.

Malaguti proposed they have five members on the committee, and that it would be members of the public that are ultimately appointed by the Town Council.

Malaguti said the committee would be purely advisory. As part of the committee the committee would be tasked with coming up with recommendations for the Town Manager, town staff, and the Town Council.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, thinks

the committee should be able to have some ability to make decisions that will make a difference.

Malaguti said he would look into how that could happen without writing it into the actual Town Charter.

He also noted it would be important to have a strict liaison policy so they don't have multiple people from the committee reaching out to multiple staff members.

It was suggested by Town Council Vice Chair, Joe Green, that they have two additional people on the committee, one being from the Town Council and the other one from the

School Board.

Councilor, Deb Paul, thinks it makes more sense to have a larger committee so the different research needed to be done could be divided up.

She said she thinks they should look at how other towns that have similar committees operate.

Town Councilor, Chad Franz, thought it would make sense to

have seven members on the committee, but wanted to look at it further.

It was also discussed whether or not the liaisons from the Town Council and School Board should be voting members or not.

Farrell said it would depend on how active the School Board liaison would be.

The Town Council decided to table the proposal.

OBITUARY

Tammy L. Smith



It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of Tammy L. Smith. Tammy L. Smith, 48, of Manchester, NH passed away Sunday Nov. 27, 2022. She was born on Feb. 15, 1974 in Manchester, a daughter of Remi W. "Bill" and Pauline (Guilbert) Fortin.

Tammy was raised in Londonderry, NH and was a graduate of Londonderry High School Class of 1992. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in communications from Southern New Hampshire University. Tammy worked at St. Joseph's Hospital striving to ensure patients received the best care possible in her role as Patient Experience Administrator. Tammy was kind, gentle, loving, and beautiful inside and out. She had a passion for photography and was extremely talented. She had a special bond with her son Eric, with whom she shared a passion for the color purple, a lack of coordination and a hatred of mornings. She also greatly missed her "adopted daughter" Lily, her late pug. Tammy you are loved beyond measure and will be missed.

In addition to her parents of Londonderry, she is also survived by two sons whom she loved dearly, Eric and Patrick Smith, her sister, Karin Como and her husband Rick, two nephews, Ben and Sam Como, her grandmother, Cecile Fortin as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held on Friday Dec. 2, from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. In honor of Tammy and Eric's love for the color purple, everyone is kindly asked to dress in purple. A Funeral service will begin at 11am in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Manchester. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Rescue League of NH, 545 State Rte 101, Bedford, NH 03110.

OBITUARY

Robert S. Wallace Jr.

Robert S. Wallace Jr., 84, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, in Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH. He was born in New York, NY on June 11, 1938, a son of Robert Sr. and Emma (Schaeffer) Wallace.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret (Richards) Wallace of Londonderry; daughter, Diane (Wallace) Havlinek and son-in-law Kenneth Havlinek; son, Robert S. Wallace, III and daughter-in-law Audrey (Mardook) Wallace and four grandchildren Rebekah Havlinek, Cassandra Havlinek, Aidan Wallace and Nolan Wallace.

Following Cremation there are no services at this time. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Lawrence J. Nunes



Lawrence J. Nunes, 90, of Londonderry, NH, formerly of Norwich, CT, passed away Tuesday Nov. 22, 2022 at Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry, NH after a period of declining health. He was born June 12, 1932 in Newport, RI and was a son of the late Joseph and Lillian (Williams) Nunes. Mr. Nunes was a resident of Norwich for over 30 years, prior to relocating to Londonderry to be near family.

Larry was a 30 year employee and Regional Manager with Leahy Fuels of Danbury, CT, prior to his retirement. Larry enjoyed time spent with his family and friends and was a long-time Barbershop singer in the "Rose City Chorus" and his own quartet.

He is survived by his son, Lawrence Nunes and his wife Jean; one granddaughter, Jessica Fields-Shaw and her husband Robert. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Dorothy (D'Almeida) Nunes in 2010 and his two daughters, Deborah and Kimberly Nunes.

Following cremation, a graveside service will be planned by the family for a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry, NH are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Editorial

Remembering Pearl Harbor

Dec. 7, 1941 was a day that would live in infamy. It was the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day that thrust the US into World War II.

Men who had fallen asleep peacefully were awoken to explosions. Many US sailors would be lost to the clamor and chaos. A total of 2,403 American citizens were 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 that.

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. We should also 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 those 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 from consequences, 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, along with the hardships we as a nation have overcome to reflect on our own shortcomings.

There were more dark moments to come during WWII 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.

Our 41st President, George H.W. Bush, a decorated Navy pilot who was shot down in the Pacific in 1944, and passed away. He was the last of the World War II generation to occupy the Oval Office.

H.W. Bush was a skilled bureaucratic and diplomatic leader who will be remembered and missed.

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.

Plummers

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demonstrates the lasting impact a legacy of sharing and goodwill has.

A Bit of Background

George Kittredge "Kitt" Plummer III, born 1958, was raised in Londonderry. He went to college at the University of NH for two years before he received a job in Nashua NH working for the tech company, Teradyne, where he would remain as a Business Process Analyst for 18 years.

After years of working with the company's Kitt began to question if he was meant to work at a desk job. Having been brought up on a farm, he thought that the rest of his life should be dedicated to growing things from the earth instead of spending hours on conference calls.

With that in mind, Kitt seized an opportunity to take up farming by trading places with a co-worker who was about to be laid-off. The money Kitt was provided with as compensation helped kick-start his farming business.

Planting the First Seeds

Having only worked part time in farming during his youth, Kitt was unsure of how to run a full-time farming business, and less so on what to grow.

He began with Christmas trees, and while his first Christmas tree farm was small, the demand for the trees was high.

Later, Kitt's brother-in-law Dan Hazelton let Kitt operate the Hazelton Family Orchard in Chester, where he would branch out into produce.

"I took on running an apple and peach orchard," said Kitt. "I also put up a couple of greenhouses where I grow vegetables and tomatoes. It's not a huge agricultural enterprise, but it has got



Jasmine, Layla and Anastasia Plummer were able to visit with Santa on Sunday morning at the Plummer Farm. Photo by Chris Paul

to a point that I make a living from it."

Massachusetts Transplants

It may surprise residents to know that the first generation of Plummer farmers in Londonderry, were not a native of NH. While it's unclear who the very first Plummer was, according to Kitt Plummer's son's genealogy investigation, the first American Plummer came to Rowley, Mass. as an indentured servant.

Abel Plummer worked for his masters in Rowley for seven years before being released. From there, the emancipated Plummers began a lifetime of farming.

In 1773 Abel and his family migrated to Londonderry, and bought 200 acres of land from the Aiken family. It was on that land that Abel built the Plummer house, a house that would be the home of 9 generations of descendants.

A Pious Plummer

While Abel was in Londonderry, he grew close to more than just his crop. According to

Kitt, at the time the strongest authority in the town was not the Town Hall but the Presbyterian church.

"The church was the government," Kitt stated, and part of that government was none other than Abel Plummer.

By the 1780s Abel was classified as an Elder of the church, and according to Kitt, the Elders doubled as selectmen for the town, deliberating on issues such as taxes, laws, civil disputes, punishment, and enforcing the rules of the church.

18th-century Farm life

Abel and his family had their work cut out for them in Londonderry. To prosper as a farmer at the time was not easy, and it was made more difficult by the fact that the majority of the farmland in town was forested with Oak and Chestnut trees.

"It was a primal forest, there were no fields, no places to grow things," said Kitt.

The first Plummers were originally subsistence farmers, only mak-

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Letters

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ing enough to feed themselves. They grew their own vegetables and raised livestock, and cut lumber to build stores, churches, and houses and to warm the hearths of neighbors' homes.

The Great Depression

Even during the dark days of the Great Depression, nothing could eclipse the kindness of the Plummer family.

Kitt recalled a story about an elderly woman called Miss. Patterson who had lost her entire family. In the 1930s, those who could not provide for themselves were given aid from the town. However, due to the grave state of the economy, most towns could only produce the bare minimum of food and shelter.

"In some towns, they had what they called the 'Poor Farm,' and the people would have to go to the poor farm and it wasn't a pleasant thing," said Kitt. "They didn't eat very well, towns were notoriously cheap with how they funded

these things."

This was unacceptable to Robert K. Plummer, Kitt Plummer's great-grandfather, especially since Miss. Patterson was a family friend. He would build her a small house from wood he chopped himself, with a small stove in the kitchen area and a bed to rest her head at night. The rest of the Plummers would step up to help care for her in her daily life.

The foundations of the Patterson house remain on Plummer Farm to this day.

Through Mud and Blood

As the Great Depression came to an end, they made way for a new struggle; WW II.

Between the 1930s into the 1940s, Nate Plummer was hard at work on the farm, raising a herd of over 100 pigs. They were fed to be a nice size, and when it was time, Plummer's uncle Nate would load them up in his truck and take them to Portland, ME, where he sold them to the B&M Baked Bean Company. This was normal life for Nate Plum-



Kitt and Anastasia Plummer admire a Christmas Tree on their farm. Photo by Chris Paul

mer, until the early 1940s.

In the spring of 1942, Nate received his draft papers to be enlisted in the US army. Kitt explained that the war had changed the farm and the people that lived there. The war consumed the life of the Plummers, and the livestock were sold off.

"From 1942 to 1945, the house that I live in now was vacant," said Kitt. "All the people that had been living here

land, Kitt provides Christmas trees to many Londonderry families. Kitt sells most of his produce, tomatoes, eggplants, and squashes at the farmstand in Chester, along with apples and peaches from the farm's orchard.

Whether it's during the spring or the winter, Kitt Plummer is always providing a service to the town of Londonderry. In late February 2019, Kitt worked with the Conservation Commission to improve the parking for his customers so that they don't have to back out into busy streets like Pillsbury Road.

In the records from the Conservation Commission, Kitt also planned on "stripping the topsoil and (putting) down one and a half inches of crushed gravel to prevent people from

getting stuck in the mud."

The Next Generation

Kitt has three grandchildren, Jasmine, Layla and Anastasia, the ninth generation of Plummers in Londonderry, who Kitt has high hopes for.

"Most people who run farms like the idea of having the kids follow behind them," said Kitt. "But kids today have a lot more opportunities... it would be nice to see little Layla decide to be a farmer. I could sit on a rocking chair watching her doing her farming, but she might just want to become a nuclear physicist, or be in journalism, I have no idea."

"I try to show them how I do things and maybe down the road they might show an interest," said Plummer.

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Library Director Presents Proposed Budget To Council

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The proposed library budget was presented to the Town Council and Budget Committee during a workshop earlier in the month.

Library Director, Erin Matlin, said the proposed budget was for \$1,413,895, which is an increase of about \$97,000 compared to last year's budget of \$1,316,808.

Compared to 2019, however, Matlin said the budget is actually less than it was a total of

\$1,415,520.

It was explained by Matlin that some of the goals of the FY 24 budget includes fulfilling their staffing needs, evaluating technology needs, and extending their outreach services.

As part of the presentation, Matlin explained the different statistics the library collects.

One of the areas was in regards to their circulation.

Matlin said that in FY 21, they had a total of 243,660 physical materials checked out; and in FY 22, they had 167,581

physical materials checked out.

Matlin said they still weren't open full hours during 2022.

So far this year, they have over 208,000 items checked out.

"We feel confident that our circulation numbers will increase over time," said Matlin.

Digital materials went up in circulation during the pandemic from 36,472 items checked out in FY 21; and 36,732 digital items were checked out in FY 22.

As far as programming, Matlin stated

they had 2,872 participants for children's programs in FY 21; and 3,200 in FY 22.

For young adult programs, they went from 413 participants in FY 21 to 1,466 in FY 22. For adult programs, FY 21 saw 309 participants while FY 22 had 472.

In FY 23, they are projecting to have 5,243 participants in their various programs.

"We have something for every age," said Matlin.

In terms of revenue, Matlin explained they try to find different grants when they can.

She said one grant they received this year came from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. They received over

\$12,000 from it.

Things that they were able to use the funding for include starting a "Library of Things" collection.

Another addition to the Library that Matlin pointed to this year was two charging stations that were bought by the Friends of the Leach Library.

Matlin said they were able to put one in the kids section and the other in the adults section.

"Those have been a great addition to the library as well," said Matlin.

One question raised was in regards to a new initiative where the library no longer charges fines for overdue library books.

It was asked if they lose any books because people don't return them.

Matlin explained that many libraries across the country have gone with that approach and oftentimes people return books more often because they aren't fearful of having to pay fines.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, asked Matlin to look at Lions Hall with Public Works Director, Dave Wholley, to see if there could be anything they could use the space for in the future.

"It would be a great offsite programming site, probably," said Matlin.

Matlin agreed to look at the property.



Raffle Rider Moose Hill School Londonderry Early Education Program student, Joseph Berlo, was winner of the annual Moose Hill School PTA raffle to get a ride to school on a fire truck. Londonderry Fire Department Battalion Chief Phillip LeBlanc picked up the excited student from home and drove him to school early Tuesday morning.

Courtesy photo

ALICE Drills Taking Place This Month with Students

In a recent letter to parents, Interim Superintendent, Dan Black informed residents of upcoming drills:

The Londonderry School District's Emergency Operations and Procedures Committee (EOP) in partnership with the Londonderry Police Department School Resource Officers (SROs) have been working to certify the District as an Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate (ALICE) trained school community to prepare our for a Violent Critical Incident.

The next phase of our ALICE implementation is to prepare our students for the ALICE response system. When students returned to school after Thanksgiving, their homeroom teachers have been using age-appropriate lesson plans from the Navigate360 ALICE website to discuss what ALICE is and what they would do in the event of a Violent Critical Incident. Individual schools will reach out to their families with what those specific lesson plans look like for your student's grade level.

The district plans to have ALICE drills at each school during the week of Dec. 5 to practice just the Enhanced Lockdown and Barricading classrooms. SROs, School Administrators, and members of the EOP committee will be at each building to ensure all goes smoothly during the following drill schedule:

- Dec. 5: 9:05 LHS
- Dec. 6: 9 a.m. LMS; 10:15 M.H. AM; 2 p.m. MT
- Dec. 7: 1:15 p.m. M.H. PM
- Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. South, 2 p.m. North

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Apple Way Plan Receives a Few Historical Corrections

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Heritage Commission investigated several needed updates for the Apple Way Corridor Management Plan at the Nov. 17 meeting.

Resident and local historian, David Ellis, attended the meeting to give a presentation on the topic and made some recommendations.

"Tonight, I'm going to run through what changes I recommend for Apple Way," Ellis explained. "The changes are very few, mostly housekeeping things."

Some examples of suggested changes include an old description

in the document that had Gilcreast Road north of Mammoth Road. The document should have Mammoth Road north or Route 102. Other changes included removing obsolete information from the area.

That said, while most changes were minor, some errors were a little more problematic.

"On an earlier document, somebody obviously pulled some information from a boilerplate, and they were talking about setting up picnic tables near the river. There is no river anywhere in the vicinity of this," said Ellis. Jokingly, he added, "I would recommend that you

remove that statement from the plan."

Jackson Hall was also misidentified in the old Management Plan. A picture of Jackson Hall should say Hurd's Store, a significant building on the Old Rum Trail in the early nineteenth century.

Other recommendations had nothing to do with mistakes. Ellis proposed a new addition to identifying Bear Meadow Farm off Adams Road. "I've added some information that I think is historically interesting, I believe the house probably dates to about 1736, although it would require someone to do a formal study to prove

it." Ellis found errors in the property record, so some of his dates are unconfirmed.

He also recommended adding new information about Lions' Hall, the Colonel William Pillsbury House, and Londonderry Grange #44.

The Heritage Commission only had a few comments.

"I would suggest that you add average daily trips to the Plan," said Heritage member, David Colglazier, spotting an overlooked error. "It's the current physical condition of safety and traffic and some numbers were missed." The information was quickly

corrected, and there were no other corrections or additions.

"History is designed to be reviewed. I know Ellis has been doing research into Derry and Londonderry history for a long time," said Commission Chair, Krystopher Kenney, thanking Mr. Ellis for the help. "You're a researcher's researcher, what we have is extremely accurate, and things are well documented."

There were no proposed changes to the route of Apple Way itself, although the byway map will see an update.

The Heritage Commission unanimously

voted to give an official Thank You to David Ellis for his hard work and approved all recommendations.

Kenney also suggested finding new members for the Scenic Byway Committee.

Small changes to the Management Plan are nothing new, the document is periodically updated as new information comes forth and errors are found. Ellis recommended changing dates and titles to reflect all updated information.

The Apple Way Scenic Drive was designated as a Scenic and Cultural Byway by the state of NH in 2006.

Zoning Board Approve Electric Vehicle Service Center Variance

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Nov. 16 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting one of the cases was in regards to a variance request to allow an approximately 50,000 square foot building to be used as an automotive repair facility for electric vehicles for the property located at 36 Industrial Drive.

One variance request was a variance regarding the size of the service facility and another was to allow a vehicle sales establishment in the Gateway Business zone.

It was explained by Leo Leighton from Scannell Properties, that the tenant they have lined up doesn't want to be announced at this point.

"We do have a tenant, they would like to remain anonymous at this point in the process," said Leighton.

Leighton explained that the tenant is an electric car manufacturer and they would mostly be for service and

maintenance along with a small portion of it being for a showroom. He said the majority of the repairs would be for things like software issues.

Since the vehicles are completely electric and aren't hybrids, Leighton said they wouldn't have any gasoline vehicles there.

"It's an environmentally friendly use," said Leighton.

Leighton said they were looking to have 335 parking spaces, which would include spaces for employees, customers, service vehicles, and for other needs.

It was explained by Leighton the majority of

the building is for service and they would have 26 service lifts and 20 work bays for servicing the vehicles.

It was also noted that they would be the only facility in NH and currently customers would have to go to Massachusetts.

One of the questions asked by the Board was the number of employees they would have on site.

Leighton stated they would have about 20 to 25 in total with about 15 mechanics and support staff, and 5 to 10 office and sales people.

It was also asked whether or not there would be any storage of batteries on site.

Leighton said he would need to double check, but said he doesn't think so.

"I don't think they're going to keep them on site long term," said Leighton.

Zoning Administrator, Nick Codner, said it would be sorted out when they go for a building permit.

Another question raised was why they would need so many parking spaces. Leighton explained that the parking spaces would be for a number of different people including employees, customers, and for vehicles that people purchase or lease.

Leighton said the

number of parking spaces doesn't represent the number of daily trips they would have to the property. He would expect about 45 a day, including for employees coming and going.

The Londonderry

ZBA unanimously approved both variances with the condition that no combustion engines can be repaired at the property.

The next ZBA meeting is slated to take place on Dec. 21.

OBITUARY

Richard L. Fruci, Jr.



Richard L. Fruci, Jr., 59, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Wednesday Nov. 23, 2022, in Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH surrounded by his family. He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on Aug. 5, 1963, a son of Richard Fruci, Sr., and Paula (Stackley) Fruci, and had been a long-time resident of Londonderry, NH.

Rich was an avid sports fan and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was employed at BAE Systems in Supply Chain Management for thirty-five years.

In addition to his parents, Rich is survived by his former wife, Kathleen Fruci and their sons Anthony and Andrew Fruci of Londonderry, NH; his sister Jennifer DeKarski and brother-in-law Paul, and niece and nephew Hannah and Joseph of Merrimack, NH.

Following cremation, calling hours was held on Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Burial will be in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Petting Area Provides Fun While Buying Christmas Trees



Twardosky Half Pint Farm was a fun distraction to buying a Christmas Tree at Harold Estey Lumber and Country Store over the weekend. Families were able to pet small farm animals while shopping. The farm will be set up this coming weekend also.
Photos by Chris Paul

Treasurer

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all the other RSAS that are financially based.

It was pointed out by Malaguti that the position would still remain a three-year term.

Town Councilor, Deb Paul, said she thinks it's important to have the position stay elected. It creates a watchdog for the taxpayers looking at government spending.

She also argued that

unless there is actual proof that there were concerns in the past about something not being done correctly, or people who weren't qualified trying to become Treasurer, then she thinks it should be left the way it is.

While she thinks the current Administration is doing a good job, she said that there will be different people one day.

"I still think it's good

to have someone from the outside not in the building looking in," said Paul.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, said since the charter has been written this would be the eighth amendment made to it.

"Documents do change, policies do change over time," said Farrell.

Former Town Treasurer, Richard Buniewski, who served in the role from 2001 to 2004,

said when he began asking people questions in Town Hall they were upset.

One particular thing he pointed out was being able to get a purchasing policy in place, something that didn't exist before he was elected.

"We didn't have one," said Buniewski.

He said that he was also able to help get an assistant Town Treasurer position saying that it is critical if the Treasurer can't perform their duties.

Ultimately, he said it is important to have a third person keeping an

eye on the Town's finances.

"You need to leave this for the people to decide," said Buniewski.

Glenn Douglas, a Londonderry resident, argued that he didn't think it was a good idea to go with an appointed position, saying he didn't think it was a good idea to have one group of people in town decide on all positions.

"I don't really like that idea," said Douglas.

He also felt that the process was being rushed.

It was pointed out by Farrell that the vote during the meeting was to

see if the State would allow them to put the question on the ballot. If they approve of it, then it would go back to the Town Council for their consideration of whether or not it should be placed on the ballot.

The Town Council finished the discussion by voting 3-1 to move forward in looking for permission from the state about whether or not it is something that could be put on the ballot.

Paul was the only member voting against the proposal, siding with the majority of citizens that spoke against the idea at the hearing.

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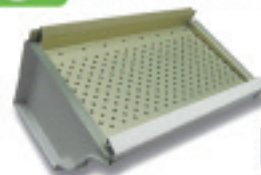
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Santa to Arrive by Helicopter at Aviation Museum on Dec. 10

Residents are welcome to meet Saint Nick in person during two-hour midday stopover.

Santa Claus is coming to town, and he's arriving by chopper, on Saturday, Dec. 10, Saint Nick will land via helicopter at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry.

Touchdown is scheduled for 11 a.m. outside the Aviation Museum. All are welcome to attend and join in welcoming the jolly old elf.

Families wishing to welcome the arrival of Santa's helicopter should be at the museum no later than 10:45 a.m. to park and then make their way to the

landing observation area.

After arriving, Santa will enter the museum, where he'll visit with children one-on-one.

Santa will be available until 1 p.m., when he'll depart by fire truck courtesy the Manchester Airport Fire Department, which will whisk him off to his next appearance.

Children who speak to Santa will be rewarded with goodie bags given out by Santa's helpers.

"It's become an annual tradition for Santa to visit us by helicopter, and we're pleased to continue it this year," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the avia-

tion Museum.

"This close to Christmas Eve, Santa prefers to travel by chopper because the flying reindeer are resting up for the big night on Dec. 24," Rapsis said.

Santa's visit will take place rain or shine on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If the weather prevents Santa's chopper from flying, he'll arrive by fire truck instead.

The Aviation Museum will be open free to visitors on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following Santa's departure, regular admission prices will be charged from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Aviation Museum's store will be open

throughout the day so visitors can enjoy holiday shopping.

Besides Santa's arrival, Saturday, Dec. 10 also marks the debut of this year's "Holiday Festival of Toy Planes and Model Aircraft" inside the museum.

The exhibit, which runs through Sunday, Jan. 22, includes more than 2,000 aviation-related toys, games, and other items that celebrate the enduring childhood fascination with flight.

This year's holiday exhibit will be highlighted by a "12 Planes of Christmas" scavenger hunt for the young (and young at heart) as well as a pair of custom-made mobiles hung with model planes that will fly in formation overhead.

Santa's appearance at the Aviation Museum is made possible by generous supporters including Manchester-Boston Regional Airport; CR Helicopters of Nashua; Signature Flight Services; and the Manches-



Santa will be visiting the Aviation Museum on Saturday, Dec. 10 and, weather permitting, will land in a helicopter. File photo

Christmas on the Common Happening Sunday, Dec. 4

The Londonderry Rotary Club will once again be hosting Christmas on the Common, at the Town Common on Mammoth Road, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. and all families are welcome.

This year the Rotary will have Carollers from 3 to 4 p.m.

The Rotary Club will be providing complimentary hot chocolate, cider, coffee, chili and cookies during the

event.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus are again scheduled to make a stop and visit with the children to hear their Christmas wishes. Transportation will be provided for the special couple by the Londonderry Fire Department.

If residents have a group that would like to sing at the event, contact Faye Sell at (603) 505-7594.

The Rotary and Lon-

donderry Fire Department expect to host Santa's ride through Londonderry.

This year Santa's ride will take place on Sunday morning, Dec. 4. Please check in with the Londonderry Rotary Facebook page and the Town of Londonderry website and FB page for details of the route (same as last year) and the specific times for Santa's ride.

ter Airport Fire Department.

The Aviation Museum of N.H., located at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, N.H., is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to celebrating New Hampshire's role in

aviation history and inspiring tomorrow's aerospace professionals.

For more information, visit www.aviation-museumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Edged Out by Bulldogs in DI Championship



Senior Drew Heenan crosses the goal line to put the Lancers on the board in the second quarter.
Photos by Christine O'Loughlin

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Bedford Bulldogs spoiled the Londonderry High School Football team's chance of winning back-to-back titles over the weekend as they beat the Lancers in the final seconds of the very tight Division I Championship game on Saturday, Nov. 26, at Exeter High School.

The number one ranked Londonderry lost by just one point to the tenth-seeded Bedford squad with only 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter when BHS kicker, Colby Snow, put a 27-yard field goal attempt through the uprights and the victory.

Penalties were a big factor in the game, with the Lancers losing 90-yards on ten infractions, while BHS had just four, for 20-yards of negative yardage.

Both teams had a number of turnovers in the contest. Both teams had three fumbles and an interception with Londonderry suffering four turnovers and Bedford had three.

Overall, Bedford was able to gain just over 300-yards of offense in the game, while Londonderry had 214-yards.

Most of the gains made on the field by Londonderry came by way of 137 rushing yards and Bedford had 198-yards in the air.

The game started very positive for LHS, when senior linebacker, Trevor Weinmann, recovered the first fumble of the game, during Bedford's initial drive, on a botched lateral pass.

In the following drive, the Bedford defense was able to cause an LHS fumble during a running play by Lancer senior quarterback, Drew Heenan.

Bedford's second drive of the game, after the recovery, ended



Lancer senior Anthony Amaro led his team in catches with 37-yards against Bedford.

with a punt to the LHS 20-yard line.

In the second quarter, during a very promising drive by Londonderry, Weinmann lost the ball on the ground on a run after a catch in Bedford territory.

Again, that turnover turned out to be harmless, and on the following possession, the Lancers were able to put the first points on the board with 7:18 on the clock.

Heenan ran the ball

in from the eight-yard line after a diversion to junior Matt Carroll.

Senior kicker, Jack Drabik, helped put the score at 7-0 in favor of LHS.

Londonderry pounded the ball down the field to end the half with a very strong drive. That drive ended with senior running back, Nathan Pedrick, getting a seven-yard touchdown run with just under two minutes left in the quarter.

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Nate Pedrick, left, had the Lancers final touchdown of the season and Jake Schena was one of the leading rushers. Photos by Christine O'Loughlin

Headed for DI at Stonehill College

Londonderry's Nathan Kearney, who currently attends Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass. recently signed his National Letter of Intent to play Division 1 baseball at Stonehill College.

The National Letter of Intent signing day was on Nov. 9, and Central Catholic had a ceremony to honor his accomplishments.

Last season as a junior, Nathan earned many baseball accolades. He made Merrimack Valley Conference First-Team All-Conference, and was the MVC Batting Champion. Nathan also works hard academically, maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He is a Student Ambassador and part of the Student Alumni Association at Central. Nathan also works a part-time job at the New Balance Training Facility.

Courtesy photo



Football

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ter.

The Drabik extra-point gave the Lancers a comfortable 14-point lead going into the half-time break.

Unfortunately for the Lancers, that was all the scoring Bedford would allow in the game.

The Bulldogs put together a very productive drive, with many of the yards coming through the passing of play-caller, Danny Black. Their first drive of the second half ended with an eight-yard pass to Dom Tagliaferro in the end zone.

Bedford kicker, Colby Snow, had his extra-point attempt blocked, giving Londonderry a 14-6 lead, which lasted throughout the third period.

The Lancers had a big specials team's play called back in the third quarter.

The next drive by Bedford got them as far as the LHS 10-yard line, where the Lancer defense held off a number of pass attempts into the end zone, including one on fourth down.

With just over five minutes left in the game, Bedford scored their second touchdown, when Logan Sfeir ran it in from the four-yard line.

The Londonderry defense came up big

again after the touchdown, spoiling a pass attempt, in front of the goal line, during a two-point conversion that would have tied the game. Weinmann pulled off an excellent fake-punt to get a first down, but Londonderry was penalized in the play for the turnover on downs.

The Bulldogs started the final drive of the game with two-minutes left on the clock and inside their own 10-yard line after a Lancer punt.

That final drive had Bedford's QB going to the air on just about every play and despite a number of outstanding pass break-ups by senior Andrew Kullman and junior Camden Brutus. The game ended with a 27-yard field goal by Snow.

The win was another upset victory for the Bulldogs in the playoffs. Bedford was able to beat the #2 seed in the tournament, Nashua North, and the #6 seeded Timberlane Owls to

get into the title game.

Heenan finished the game with seven of 11 pass attempts completed while his counterpart, Black went 18 of 33.

Heenan also led his team in rushing with 96-yards. Jake Schena got 21-yards and Anthony Amaro finished with 11.

Amaro was also the leading LHS receiver with two catches and 37-yards. Weinman and Kullman each caught for 20-yards.

Heenan amassed a total of 1,451 yards passing and 504 yards rushing during the 2022 season. He was able to establish a new All-Time Touchdown Pass record for his school with 30, 17 of them came this year.

Kullman racked up 687 yards receiving this season and now holds a new LHS record for most single-season receiving yards. He also holds the most career receiving yards caught by an LHS player.

OBITUARY

Frank Swinarski



Frank Swinarski, 73, of Londonderry, NH died Friday Nov. 25, 2022 at the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. He was born in Ware, MA on Aug. 10, 1949, a son of the late Walter and Jennie (Salamanowicz) Swinarski. Frank had resided in Londonderry for the last 29 years, formerly living in Woonsocket, RI.

He recently retired from BAE systems, after a long career as a security specialist working there and previously at Mosler safe company for 27 years. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who delighted in spending time with his family. He was an avid motorcycle enthusiast that spent much of his free time riding and maintaining his motorcycles. He loved finding home improvement projects to occupy his time and took great pride in his lawn.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Diane (Chapman) Swinarski of Londonderry, three sons, Frank "Jay" Swinarski, Jr. and his wife Elaine of Manchester, NH, Steven Swinarski and his wife Janet Boisseau of Derry, NH, and Joel Swinarski and his wife Laramie of N. Chelmsford, MA, five grandchildren, Sebastian Boisseau, Samantha Swinarski, Landon Swinarski, Lyric Swinarski, and Elora Swinarski, one great-granddaughter, Freya Champagne, two siblings, Walter Swinarski and his wife Candi of Phoenix, AZ, and Wanda Toms and her husband Dean of Glendale, AZ, as well as two nephews, Michael and Aaron. He was predeceased by his sister, Gina Breault.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday Dec. 1, from 6 – 8 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10 a.m., in St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Londonderry. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Derry Runners Lead in the 49th Annual GDTCT Turkey Trot



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Nearly 800 runners crossed the finish line at Gallians Beach during the 49th Annual Greater Derry Track Club's Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning and the three top finishers were from Derry.

On what turned out to be a very mild, late autumn morning, Derry resident Luke Brennan, 18, a former Pinkerton Academy runner, was

the first competitor to make it around Beaver Lake this year and took the first-place medal as the overall winner. Brennan finished with a time of 16:36, he was 18 seconds in front of another Derry runner, Thomas Hanlon, 24, who came in at 16:54.

The first female runner to complete the race was the third overall finisher and also a Derry resident. Emilee Risteen, 27, had a time of 17:42 to secure her position as

the top female in the race.

Samuel Gagnon, 29, of Rutland, VT, was fourth overall, with a time of 18:09; Corey Girard, 40, of Pembroke, was fifth at 18:12; Jack Toscano, 54 of Salem, was sixth at 18:26, seventh was Cooper Michaud, 18, of Hooksett at 18:28; Derry's Jason Rzasa, 16, took eighth (18:42); Logan McDONALD, 16, had a time of 18:46 for ninth; and Jack Toscano, Jr., 18, of



Luke Brennan



Emilee Risteen

Salem, rounded out the top ten with his time of 18:54.

The top female runners, behind Risteen who was the female race winner, were: Devin Mollay, 23, of Salem, second at 19:14; third was Kylie Johnson, 21, of Waterbury, ME (19:30); Contessa Silva, 16, of Derry took fourth (20:01); Gabriela Webber, 35,

was fifth at 20:03; Morgan Sansing, 24, of Chester finished sixth (20:41); Anna Laufer-sweiller, 12, of Londonderry was seventh (20:52); Caitlin Boufford, 20, also of Londonderry, was eighth (21:27); Derry's Sarah Rzasa, 14, was ninth at 22:18; and Charlotte Boyington, 12, of Chester was the tenth place finisher for the females at 22:22.

Other Londonderry runners to finish the race in the top 100 were:

Will Buckley, 63, was 24th with a time of 20:01; Alec Lemeris, 12, 40th, 21:02; Matthew Luongo, 15, was 49th (21:33); Jack Smith, 15, was 51st, 21:40; Brett Mckinnon, 49, was 55th, 22:08; Evan Fortin, 15, was 61st, 22:29; Tom Martin, 16, was 70th, 23:06; Zack Luongo, 21, was 71st, 23:07; Matthew Coletti, 39, was 86th, 23:52; Peter Lincoln, 54, was 89th, 23:58; and Bridget Quinlan, 11, was 100th at 24:15.





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OBITUARY


Carl "Buddy" Metz

Carl "Buddy" Metz, 87, of Londonderry, NH passed away Friday Nov. 25, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his loved ones. Carl was born Aug. 22, 1935, in Cincinnati, OH and was a son of the late John and Edna (Heidorn) Metz. He was raised and educated in Cincinnati until age 12 when his family moved to East Boston, MA. Buddy has been a resident of Londonderry since 1973.

Buddy served his country proudly as a member of the US Marine Corps. during the Korean War. He was employed by Hadco Corp. of Derry for 27 years, retiring as a manager in 2000. He enjoyed the outdoors and had been an avid snowmobiler and 4-wheeler enthusiast.

Mr. Metz is survived by his wife of 13 years, Joy (Mitchell) Metz, a son, John Metz, and his spouse, Eric Lorion, daughter Cindy Slater and her husband Robert, and daughter Karla Metz. Five grandchildren, Bobby, Jeff, Jessica, Brianna and Brett, four great grandchildren, Abby, Shelby, Ella and Camden. He was predeceased by a brother and a sister.

After cremation, a graveside service will be held Thursday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m., in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Londonderry. People are invited back to the house after the service. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



AROUND TOWN

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

Christmas Tree Sale

The Londonderry Lions Club is having their annual Tree Sale. They are selling trees on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in December until they sell out. The new tentative hours will be: Fridays 4 - 8 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Please check their FB site for changes in time. The location will still be at The Londonderry Lions Hall Christmas Tree Corral and Pavilion. These premium rated trees are freshly cut from St Johnsbury VT. All the proceeds from the Lions tree sale go back to the Londonderry community.

Yoga for Seniors

The Londonderry Senior Center offers yoga classes to the senior community and are taught by

Barbara Scott and Lisa Kress. These eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. The next session begins the week of Dec. 12. Classes take place at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 10 a.m. You may sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class - or both. Call the Senior Center at 432-8554 for more details. Payment is required at time of registration to secure your spot.

Santa Live

After a 2-year hiatus, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be back in the Londonderry Cable studio on Saturday, Dec. 3, 1 - 3 p.m. They can't wait to visit with kids live on tv and hear about their Christmas season and what's on their wish lists. It's also a great photo opportunity for parents to get pictures of their kiddos with Santa. Skip the long lines at the mall, and enjoy cookies and coloring while you wait. For info call Erin at 603-432-1147, or email ebarry@londonderry.nh.org.

Republican Meeting

On Thursday, Dec. 1, 7-8:30 p.m. come to the Londonderry Republican Committee's monthly meeting at the Londonderry Police Department's Community Service Room, 268A Mammoth Rd. Members, friends, affiliates, and Independents who are registered and vote Republi-

can are welcome! For more information: <https://Londonderry-GOP.org>, or www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact Chairperson Janet Huttula at Huttula7@comcast.net.

Used Toy Sale

Your gently used toys are needed for the annual Used Toy Sale at St. Thomas Church. Please donate your bagged donations anytime at St. Thomas Church in Derry, and 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry. St. Thomas Church in Derry, NH is hosting its annual Used Toy Sale on Dec. 3. You don't want to miss this event. Come shop for great gently used toys for all of your holiday needs. You'll find dolls, trucks, playsets, puzzles, games, ride-ons, stuffed animals, crafts and even some brand-new toys all at low, low cost. Cash and carry, bring your own bags.

Ladybug Award Voting

Each year, librarians from around the state nominate ten outstanding picture books to be voted on by the children of NH Children in preschool through grade 3 can vote on their favorite book from the list of nominated titles. Stop by

Leach Library to read one of the titles, and be ready to cast your vote. Ladybug Award Voting will take place in the Children's Room beginning on Monday, Dec. 5 and ending on Saturday, Dec. 10. Everyone who votes will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a fun Ladybug prize bag.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. through Dec. 13, toddlers ages 2-3 years old and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for a new story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Bookworms Story Time

Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. through Dec. 14, Leach Library will offer a story time for preschoolers ages 3-5 years old. Bookworms will focus on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games. The program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration

is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Craft Time

Thursday, Dec. 8 at 4:30 p.m., kid crafters are invited to the Leach Library to work on a craft in the meeting room. Craft kits will be provided, and staff will be available to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Dec. 1. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Game Time

On Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. come to the Leach Library for Game Time. Participants will compete in a variety of Minute-to-Win-It style games for a chance to win prizes. This program is designed for ages 5 and up. Registration is required and begins Saturday, Dec. 3. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Adult Greens Workshop

On Monday, Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., join Sarah Seamans at the Leach Library to make your own festive centerpiece with fresh greens. All

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 21

7:35 a.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

2:38 p.m. Four officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

3:08 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Charleston Avenue. Rickardo Becerra, 32, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Threatening - Conduct.

3:15 p.m. Four officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

4:09 p.m. Assisted another police department with an arrest at the Weare Police Department. Christian Beck, 36, of Weare, arrested on a Warrant.

4:31 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Michelle Lane.

6:35 p.m. Four officers assist with a Disturbance at Homegoods on Michels Way.

7:32 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the CVS Pharmacy on Mammoth Road.

9:22 p.m. Arrest(s) Made by four officers during a

Disturbance at Market Basket on Michels Way. Anna Marie Martin, 39, of Prince George, VA, charged with two counts of Disorderly Conduct.

Tuesday - Nov. 22

12:44 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on O'Connell Drive. Christopher Adams, 32, of Londonderry, charged with Violation of a Protective Order.

1:37 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on School House Road.

4:48 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Alexander Road.

10:16 p.m. Report of Runaway Juvenile investigated on Cardinal Circle.

11:59 p.m. Peace Restored by four officers after a Domestic Disturbance on High Range Road.

Wednesday - Nov. 23

8:20 a.m. Services rendered during Suspicious Activity at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:05 p.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Windsor Blvd.

2:09 p.m. Arrest(s) made during a Domestic Disturbance on Mohawk Drive.

3:43 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Cohas Terrace.

8:36 p.m. Services Ren-

dered for Suspicious Activity on Pine Hollow Drive.

9:46 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Litchfield Road at Kelley Road.

Thursday - Nov. 24

12:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an arrest made on South Road. Timothy Bajek, 21, of Londonderry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

12:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Mammoth Road, at CVS Pharmacy. Trevor Jutras, 29, of Londonderry, charge with: Driving Under the Influence (Aggravated over 30 m.p.h.); Driving Under the Influence - second - Impairment; Reckless Operation; and Speeding 26 m.p.h. over a speed limit of 55 or less.

2:50 a.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers on Nashua Road.

9:10 a.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

11:48 a.m. Three officers help to restore peace during a Domestic Disturbance on Pendleton Lane.

1:23 p.m. Weapons Offenses investigated on Chase Brook Road

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Around Town

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materials will be provided including a container, greens, cones, and berries. Adult participants (ages 18+) need to bring their own clippers to the workshop. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Dec. 5. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Library After Dark

On Friday, Dec. 16 from 6 - 8:30 p.m., the Leach Library will host a special after-hours movie night in the main reading room! Join the library staff for a showing of a 2019 animated holiday film (rated PG), along with refreshments and raffle prizes. PJs and costumes are welcome. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Dec. 9. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Story Time with Santa and Friends

Santa will be stopping by Leach Library on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m. with some friends for a very special story time. Enjoy stories from Santa as he takes time out from his busy holiday preparations for a visit. Registration is required and begins Saturday, Dec. 10. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Holiday Handbell Performance

On Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m., come to the Leach Library for an evening of seasonal and holiday music. The Garage Bell Band will perform their "Holiday Handbells." The Garage Bell Band is the quartet version of the larger handbell ensemble known as the Granite State Ringers. They have performed at a variety of venues across NH and consist of Joan Fossum (director, bells, keyboard), Heidi Prior (bells, keyboard), Hilary Justice (bells, keyboard, bell tree), and Debbie Young (bells, vocals). Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Dec. 8. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Switch It Up

Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room, participants in grades 6-12 are welcome to try their hand at video games on the big screen with the library's Nintendo Switch consoles. Snacks will be available during the program. Registration is required and begins on Dec. 21. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Holiday Break Offerings

A variety of crafts, coloring pages, and a Guess It jar available in the Leach Library's Children's Room during Holiday Break, from Dec. 27 - Dec. 30. Enjoy

some time working on them at the library or take them home for later.

Library Holiday Sale

The annual Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library Holiday Sale will be available during library hours by the Circulation Desk through the holidays. Stop by the table to purchase Leach Library bags and mugs as well as homemade gifts and treats while supplies last. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.

PJ Story Time

Thursday, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. get ready for bedtime in cozy pajamas to listen to a couple of bedtime stories and sing along to a lullaby at the Leach Library. Don't forget a stuffed animal or blanket to snuggle. Registration is not required for this program and drop-ins are welcome.

Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces a free community child find program for all Londonderry residents, ages 2 1/2 - 5 years 11 months old who are suspected of have developmental concerns. Child find will be held at: Moose Hill School 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist

and register voters on: Dec. 8, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile 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. If you have questions contact: Kristin Grages, Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist 603-432-1100, ext 198

Youth Art Contest

The Londonderry Arts Council is pleased to again be hosting the 2022/2023 Youth Art Contest for students in NH. This year's contest runs from Nov. 1 - Jan. 9. The contest is open to students in NH, ages 5 - 18. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category will win gift certificates for art supplies and be able to display their work at the Londonderry Library. The winners will be notified by Jan. 24. For details on the contest see the application you can download here. <https://londonderryartscouncil.org/youth-art-contest>

Holiday Craft Fair

Homes of NH Realty,

200 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, will be hosting a Craft Fair on Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 - 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the animals at Live and Let Live Farm Rescue. There will be large selections of handmade items, porcelain dolls, games, puzzles, holiday décor, and more. Cash, checks, and debit & credit cards accepted.

Bookworms Story Time

On Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. and continuing weekly through Dec. 14, Leach Library will offer a story time for preschoolers ages 3-4 years old. Bookworms will focus on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games. The program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday, November, at 9 a.m. and continuing weekly through Dec. 13, Leach Library will offer a story time program for babies 0-18 months old. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity

for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Book Sale Extended Hours

Thanks to many generous community volunteers, the Leach Library Book Sale located on the lower level of the library is now open more hours: Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Thursdays 6 - 7:45 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. - noon. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Donations of gently used materials are accepted any time during library operating hours. Please check the Materials Donations Guidelines on the Leach Library website or call the library with any questions at (603) 432-1132.

Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

Police Log

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1:47 p.m. Peace restored during a Domestic Disturbance on Manter Mill Road.

5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on the Southbound Ramp of Exit 5 on Route 93. Ashley Brickley, 25, of Canterbury, charged with: Disobeying an Officer; Driving after Revoked/Suspended Licence; Driving Without Giving Proof; and Traffic Control Device Violation.

6:27 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Winterwood Drive.

Friday - Nov. 25
5:03 a.m. Four officers respond to a Medical Emergency that results in transportation to a hospital from Winding Pond Road.

2:46 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Lafayette Road.

3:02 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Red Deer Road.

9:49 p.m. Services rendered Suspicious Activity on Whittemore Road.

Saturday - Nov. 26
12:40 p.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Preserve Drive.

3:45 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for a Domestic Disturbance on Boulder Drive.

4:18 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Verbena Road, Billerica, Mass. Mark Bickford, 55, of Billerica, MA. charged with Conduct After an Accident.

4:35 p.m. Juvenile Offenses reported on Bancroft Road.

6:08 p.m. Disturbance investigated at TJ Maxx on Michels Way.

9:45 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

10:38 p.m. Domestic

Disturbance on Auburn Road investigated by three officers.

Sunday - Nov. 27
1:08 a.m. Arrest made by three officers after a Motor Vehicle Stop on Mammoth Road at the Windham Line. Danielle Beaulieu, 25, of Salem, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

3:15 a.m. Three officers investigate a report of Disorderly Conduct at Juliano's Italian Pizzeria on Nashua Road

11:22 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Kendall Pond Road.

OBITUARY

Christina M. Morrison



Christina M. Morrison, 38, of Londonderry, NH passed away Nov. 22, 2022. She was born in Boston, Mass. on April 23, 1984, a daughter of Frank and Dawn (Seitz) Sullivan of Litchfield, NH

Christina grew up in Dorchester, Mass.

After graduating from Mount St. Joseph Academy in Brighton, Mass, she enrolled at Continental Beauty Academy in Hudson, NH. Christina worked in multiple salons in Derry and Londonderry including Christopher Bradley Salon, Salon Tuscany, Bamboo Salon, Salon Bellamy, and Revive.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her loving husband, Edward Morrison, Jr. of Londonderry; her daughter, Ariel Morrison; two sisters, Taylor and Brooke Sullivan of Litchfield, NH; her grandfather, Edward Seitz of Manchester, NH; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Calling hours were held on Nov. 27, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Burial will be private.

Christina's favorites were the color pink, cheetah print, and Shark Week. If you can display a splash of any of those the family would appreciate it.

In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Christina's name to AFTD Comstock Grant, 2700 Horizon Dr., Suite 120, King of Prussia, PA, 19406. See theaftd.org for information on how this organization helps families cope. To leave a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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