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Residents Receive Preliminary

Home Revaluations Last Week

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owners should have received the most recent assessments of the value of their property by the town, but during the Aug. 14 Town Council meeting, Assessor, Steve Hamilton, gave the Council an update about the two-year preliminary revaluations.

Hamilton said the preliminary revaluations had been completed and they were to send them to residents "so people will be able to see the result of the revaluation."

y now, most home cently made the shift that," Hamilton said. from having the revaluamade increases in valuation more manageable.

"It keeps the change in value a more manageable range," Hamilton said.

While the numbers haven't been finalized, Hamilton said it's expected that the values of residential properties went up around 23-24% on average.

"There are going to be some properties that will go up less than that and there are going to be

PILOT Agreement with New

Hamilton stated that some properties that the Town Council re- will go up more than

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Hamilton explained tion every five years to that some properties two years, noting it have a more level of attractiveness in the marketplace compared to others, which impacts the values.

> "Properties change in value in the same way," Hamilton said.

> Hamilton added that as part of the letters that will be going to taxpayers is a way for people to be able to make appointments with the assessors so they can meet face to face or on the

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Stepping Back Fife and drums set up at the Parmenter Barn at the Morrison House Museum on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 19, to help the town Celebrate Old Home Day. See additional photos of events that took place throughout this edition. Photo by Chris Paul

School Board Hear Update on nunications Committee

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The School Board from the district's Communications Committee during their Tuesday, Aug. 8, meeting.

It was explained by communications com-

during the pandemic.

She explained that as received an update a committee, they decided that the main goal was to get out as much information as possible out into the community.

Over the past year, Amity Small that the some of the things Small has said has been mittee met for the first accomplished, including time in the Spring of sharing what is happen-

2022 after not meeting ing in their schools on social media, providing information, budget doing an overhaul of the website, creating new handles for social media, and "celebrating staff and students."

"Our major undertaking was to celebrate our staff and students for the good things that and the second phase

Balance Ok'd by Council ALEX MALM LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council was presented with a proposed Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement between the town and the New Balance company during the Aug. 14 meet-

It was explained by Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, that New Balance received conditional site plan approval by the Planning Board. He added that the first phase of the project would be bringing in about 250 employees continued on page 7 would bring in 200 and doesn't have to pay

employees.

He stated that they are expected to invest about \$60 million for property improvements, including having a "significant solar energy component."

Malaguti added the project would be financed through the NH Business Finance Authority, who would own the property for 10years and lease it to New Balance and would then buy it after 10-years.

Under state law, the town has to negotiate a PILOT since the NH Business Finance Authority is a government entity property taxes.

Malaguti explained that among other things, New Balance was attracted to Londonderry because of the newly created commercial and industrial tax incentive program. Under the PILOT agreement, New Balance would be receiving similar incentives as

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School Board Get Update On Summer Enrichment Prog

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that there is plenty going grade level," Black said.

"It's always easy to School quiet at all," Black said. their

during the Summer is Matthew their Summer enrichment program.

"This is our third year doing it. I think

work. Our staff and stu-nice to see our school Thile school has dents have really done been out for sum- a good job thinking mer, Superinten- through what are the dent, Dan Black, told the best ways to reinforce School Board during the most fundamental their July 25 meeting math skills at each

Black told Board assume the school dis- recently the NH Departtrict becomes very ment of Education Comquiet during the sum- missioner came to Lonmer. It's actually not donderry to talk about be able to offer Sum-Summer en-One of the things richment program. He happening in the school added that they toured Thornton, North School, and Londonderry Middle School.

we've done excellent visit and it was just who asked how many in the first session at entered into district get that recognition," Black said.

> Black said they were able to get grants from the state to help pay for the program this year and are expecting to use Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds next year.

> "We do expect we'll mer math academy for one more Summer next year through ESSER grants funding," Black said.

One question raised "It was a really nice Board Chair, Bob Slater, students participated

students participated in the enrichment program this Summer.

Assistant Superintendent, Jason Parent, said they had "really good numbers."

He explained that at North School they had 59 students in the first session and 37 in the second session. At Matthew Thornton they had 44 students participate in the first session and 23 in session two. At South School they had 30 students participate in the program for the first session and 10 came from School in the second one. 27

Londonderry Middle competitions. School and 16 participated in the second ses-

"Those people plans," Parent siad.

as many parents as posand said "Really great things (are) happening in those classrooms."

Also during the meeting, Parent announced that the Londonderry High School 2023 Lancer Reflections Year Book was recently

"Our publication was recognized with special achievement numbers awards for excellence tend to dip as they get in feature photo, feamore into the Summer ture spread, feature make story, theme opment, and Parent stated that typographical design they worked to contact and the overall book was evaluated as outsible about the program standing earning the highest achievement awards," Parent said.

> He had copies of the book ready to show people in the community as well as School Board members.

"It's an outstanding book," Parent said.

ater Discusses Possible Changes For Purchasing Policy

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↑ chool Board Chair, Bob Slater, said he has been examining the school district's purchasing policy for about three years.

Now he hopes to bring a series of proposed policy changes in the coming weeks for the School Board to consider adopting.

"The purchasing procedures are a very vital part of how we spend

dollars," Slater said during the meeting.

Slater explained that there are a lot of projects put forward, which they have very little to no input on.

One of the proposed changes Slater expecting to put forward is to change the policy for when purchasing approvals need to go in front of the board.

\$100,000 require approval by the superintendent or business administrator and the School Board.

"It should be a much lower value," Slater said.

Slater noted that based on his research, most districts have policies in place for \$5,000 to \$20,000 before needing approval from their School Boards. He Currently under the added that he would be

district's threshold before requiring board approval to be in that range.

Another part of the current policy also includes requirements for purchase orders between \$10,000 to \$100,000 to have the signature from the superintendent or business administrator.

Black, said a lot of times they update policies based on reaction to laws and another major problem they want to solve.

concerns he has with business," Slater said.

dollars and taxpayer policy purchases, over proposing to have the changing the policy is potentially creating hours worth of meeting time being taken up by approving purchases. He added that for example when he was in Keene they had finance policy commitdedicated tee approving purchases based on the policy in place.

Slater said the policy Superintendent, Dan would only be directed toward non education purposes and only about 30 items this year would have been effecreason is that they see a tive based on the proposed policy changes.

"It's outside the Black said one of the realm of educational

School Board member, Tim Porter, said he also thought it would be good to have more transparency with their finances and for it to take place in a public setting.

"Having our scrutiny involved just makes it that much better," Porter said.

Slater told the School Board that he hopes to have the proposed changes in front of the School Board for a first reading during their Sept. 5 meeting.

"This has been on radar for many years and I would like to start getting this one off the plate," Slater said.

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School District's End of Year Finance Report Comes In Under Budget

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heard a finance report during the Tuesday, Aug. 6, meeting, regarding the district's end of the year finances, pending any unexpected changes found by the auditors.

Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, told the School Board that their general fund revproperty taxes and state and local revenue, is expected to be about \$340,000 more expected.

about \$201,000 more lower rate than the ember, Amanda Butcher, continue to see a lack of

than expected.

For expenditures pen-The School Board ding, McKenney added, the final audited numbers the district will most likely come in about \$550,000 under budget this year.

> fiscal year, expenditures will come in approximately \$550,000 below the approved budget," McKenney said.

She noted that due to enues, which consists of the number of retirements effective June 2022, it meant a large savings in professional than salaries.

"Unfilled positions al-She said the major ong with new or incomfactor was Special Edu- ing employees, who are cation Aid, which was very often hired at a

ployee who retired, ac- noted that if they don't substitutes across the the count for this large variance," McKenney said.

McKenney said the district had a number of unfilled special education positions as well.

"This is reflected "As we close out the with \$508,029 budget variance on the salary line. We did, however, contract those services out, and there is a budget over-run in the contracted services line of \$505,733," McKenney said. "The number of open positions decreased from last year, and we are optimistic that it will be even fewer open positions next year.

have the paraeducators in their buildings then it means they have to contract with companies to provide the services.

"If we don't have the paraeducators here we have to go elsewhere to get them and we are paying a premium to get them elsewhere," Butcher said.

Another budget line McKenney pointed to is temporary salary lines.

"Temporary salary costs were over-budget with substitute teacher line accounting \$206,793 of the total \$256,668," McKenney said.

McKenney explained School Board mem- to the board that they state and because of it schools often have to have teachers fill in for a class throughout the day, which costs more money.

Out of district tuition ended up coming under budget by \$221,089 "due to fewer students going out-of- district than was budgeted."

McKenney said after all year end adjustments are completed, she expects the general fund equity balance to be around \$1.61 million.

It means the School Board will have decisions to make about what to do in regards to the fund balance.

"As of June 30, 2022,

board approved \$1,125,000 be retained in Unassigned Fund Balance," McKenney wrote in a memo. "We will bring final numbers to the board for a decision on Unassigned Fund Balance after the auditors have completed their initial review."

McKenney said if they were to keep the \$1.125 million fund balance, then the district would have \$485,000 of funds to decide what to do with. She said the funds could be used to reduce the tax rate or could be retained in the school district's Unassigned Fund Balance.

lack Lays Out School Board Meeting Plans For Upcoming

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uring the Aug. 8 School Board meeting Superintendent, Dan Black, proposed a number of different items he feels should be discussed during board meetings over the course of the school year.

items expected to be discussed is the proposed comes. He added that Moose Hill project.

building project discussion throughout the Fall

issue and potential Full doing these data re-Day Kindergarten Program," said Black.

He said the goal is to have the new costs in September.

"There's a lot to discuss there," Black said.

Throughout the school year, Black said they will also be continuing to give updates to One of the major the School Board on students' learning outthe next one is expected "We will continue the to take place sometime in September.

on the overcrowding getting in the habit of district would be releas-

ports," Black said.

Black also noted they may explore looking at renewable energy and what it would mean for the school district.

"This topic has come up at times over the last year, and looking at the larger landscape around opportunities to make more investments in this area to save taxpayer dollars for the longer term can be on the table as well," Black said.

Black told the School "Now we have been Board by next July the

ing an updated 2024-2029 district strategic plan.

"That will probably take the whole year to get there," Black said.

Other items include "policy clean up", where a number of policies are expected to be reviewed "because they have not been reviewed or updated in a very long time."

The School Board is also expected to receive periodical updates regarding the implementation of the new cell phone procedures implemented for the middle and high school.

"As the schools adapt to more restrictions on cell phone use for students, we would update the School Board on that large cultural change and what it means for a district policy in time," Black said.

Additionally, the district is expected to receive the results of the district's special education study being currently conducted by the Public Consulting Group.

Black said he expects it to be completed sometime around January or

February.

"That could be an ongoing topic," Black said.

Infrastructure and safety updates are also expected to take place during the board meetings.

"We can update the School Board and public on how the planned infrastructure and safety updates are progressing in the schools," Black said.

The next School Board meeting is expected to take place on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

As we look around the country and see the challenges that small weekly newspapers face in providing what we think is a much-needed source of news coverage to small towns, it was refreashing to see one of the largest news sources in the state take notice of the struggles facing this newspaper over the past year. The Union Leader graciously allowed us to re-print the editorial they ran in their Sunday, Aug. 20, edition.

We are not in Kansas Free Deb Paul

global observers were Marion, Kansas. A cona (likely illegal) search and/ or confiscation of a weekly newspaper's premises, computer systems, and even the residences of its publishers. actions These are believed to have played a role in the unfortunate publishers.

of Investigation becoming entangled in the widely criticized raid on the

During the past week, Marion County Record.

Here in New Hampstunned by events in shire, the influence of small-town politics has vergence of small-town led to the arrest of a politics and zealous law weekly newspaper pubenforcement resulted in lisher, Debra Paul of the Londonderry Times.

In November, on the day before Thanksgiving, Deb Paul will be in a courtroom, defending herself against the might of the Attorney General's Office.

Deb Paul stands passing of one of the accused of violating NH RSA 664, titled "POLITI-The tendency of small CAL EXPENDITURES AND town politics to exagger- CONTRIBUTIONS," due ate matters is well- to her publication of known, often drawing in political advertisements parties that should exer- that allegedly did not cise greater discretion adhere to the exact letter when applying the law. In of the law requiring to Kansas, these dynamics the signing of ads for led to the Kansas Bureau town elections and their labeling as "Political Advertising."

Spanning over nine

thousand words, RSA 664 mentions the term "advertising" a total of 43 times across six different sections. It specifically imposes just three obligations on those publishing newspapers or periodicals: obtaining approval from candidates for ads by or on behalf of the candidate, submitting political advertising rates to the secretary of state, and not charging different rates to different campaigns. Debra Paul does not appear to be charged with violating any of these three provi-

At this newspaper, we have had to point out perplexing the vertising regulations in the over nine thousand words of RSA 664, written over six decades, to campaigns, including

already holding federal office. Despite stipulating that the secretary of state furnish a copy to each person whose name will appear on a state ballot, some continue to assert they are exempt. Faced with the attorney general's demonstrated readiness to arrest and prosecute publishers rather than campaigns for violations, we are left with no option but to demand compliance or decline the advertising.

In small-town elections, the provisions of RSA 664 are less known and considerably less understood. According to a probable cause statement, the attorney general's investigator seemed to personally educate every individual they interviewed that placed an offending advertisement in the Londonderry Times about the election law.

al's announcement of Deb Paul's arrest indicated she had received warnings on prior occasions regarding the labeling of political advertising. These warnings

those of candidates education and enforce- county in which the vioment of RSA 664 away from the secretary of state and the attorney general, and transferred compliance from campaigns to Deb Paul herself.

> The attorney general's FAQ on Election Law details registering complaints for violations against campaigns, not newspaper publishers or billboard painters. If "Trump 2024" is painted on the side of a barn without the label of "Political Advertising," who would be subject to arrest for this violation? Would it be the campaign that commissioned the message, or the individual holding the paintbrush? And if the person wielding the rogue paintbrush had previously received warning letters, would they then be responsible for educating campaigns about RSA 664?

RSA 664 gives the The attorney genera attorney general the authority to issue "... an order requiring the violator to cease and desist from his or her violation. If the attorney general's order is not obeyed, the attorney general or appear to have shifted designee may petition the responsibility for the superior court of the all expected to follow.

lation occurred for an order of enforcement." On Thanksgiving Eve, the attorney general's office will not be petitioning the court for an order of enforcement; instead, they will be prosecuting Deb Paul for multiple Class A misdemeanors.

Like many small-town publishers, Deb Paul is a polarizing figure. That tends to happen when noses are stuck in places they aren't wanted. Threatening a local publisher with thousands of dollars in fines and possible jail time, while requiring spending many thousands in legal defense costs is a solid way to shut them down. Luckily for the First Amendment, Deb Paul does not crumble that easily and has been fighting. Her prosecution is a misuse of the attorney general's limited resources and creates a chilling effect on local news when it is needed

Attorney General John Formella should stop this unnecessary prosecution and focus his resources on educating everyone involved in elections about the laws and regulations they are



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> The recipient must notify the Londonderry Women's Club of her acceptance before Dec. 15.

> The award will be made payable to the recipient.

> Applications are available at the Leach Library, Derry Public Library and can be found and downloaded from their website at http://londonderrywomensclub.org.

> The Scholarship Committee reserves the right not to make an award if there is no suitable candidate. All information will be kept confidential.

Morrison House Museum Brings Colonial Era To Life











On Saturday, Aug. 19, the Londonderry Historical Society hosted the annual colonial era encampment with dozens of reenactors set up around the Morrison House Museum and Parmenter Barn. Those who made their way down from the Town Common during Old Home Day were able to get a feel for what life was like when Londonderry was first settled.

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lanning Board OKs Nashua Road Condo Conversio

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ne of the agenda items during the Aug. 2 Londonderry Planning Board meeting was in regards formal review of a condominium conversion at 244 Nashua Road.

Planning Board Chair are considered subdivisions in the state of NH.

It was explained by Allison Lewis who was representing the owner Woodland RNC, LLC that in 2021 they received board approval to have a 10 unit multi family property.

and decided they wanted to convert them into individual condo units instead.

to a public hearing for a reviewed the design review comments and addressed them in their proposal.

One of the comments Art Rugg noted that con- made about what the dominium conversions common area would be.

> "The entire parcel will be common area," Lewis said.

She said that the only limited common area would be the units themselves, the decks, and the parking spaces in front of the units. She also noted that all the In 2022 however, the landscaping would be in

property and the project they wouldn't be proposing any landscaping to be in the limited common areas.

Planning Board Sec-Lewis said that they retary Jake Butler said he was concerned about the name of the association being called Woodland Commons, noting that they already have Woodmont Commons and Woodmont Village. He said that they should check with the fire and police department to make sure the names aren't too similar.

> "Maybe a name change," Butler said.

Ex-Officio Ted Combes asked about the wells on the property.

Lewis explained that

wells on the property.

"They service all the units," Lewis said.

One abutter who spoke during the meeting was David Matte He explained that his house is close to the property line and asked if there was a plan to have a barrier between the condors and the back property line.

Rugg explained that it would've been addressed before and that the only thing they were

new owner bought the common areas and that there would be two discussing was the con- a conditional use permit dominium conversion.

> "That's all in our purview," Rugg said.

The Planning Board ultimately unanimously approved the condominium conversion with the condition of looking into the name of the association.

Also during the meeting, two agenda items were continued until the Sept. 13 meeting at the request of the applicant. One of the agenda items was a public hearing for

for 3,000 square feet of temporary wetland buffer impact for the construction of a sewer line providing sanitary sewer for the 88A Harvey Rd., property. The other was for a public hearing for a site plan review to construct a 58,432 square foot warehouse and storage facility and associated site improvements at the same property.

The Planning Board's next meeting will take place on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.

New Balance Continued from page 1

they could receive under the program.

"New Balance will pay full tax on the existing unimproved value of the property and will receive no incentive against the state education and county tax," Malaguti said.

For year one and two, Malaguti explained that New Balance will pay the equivalent of the local municipal and education tax on the improved value of the property, but will receive an incentive that will reduce the amount by 5 and 10 percent.

In year three, when

the building is expected to be at full value, New Balance would receive a 50 percent incentive, which would be reduced by five percent every year until New Balance pays full taxes when they own the property after 10-years.

"It's fitting that the first user to take advantage of this program is a great American brand, which unlike too many companies that have been offshoring manufacturing jobs in recent years is leaning into US based manufacturing," Malaguti said.

Malaguti said they would receive what they currently receive for the taxes at the property

"plus a great bit more."

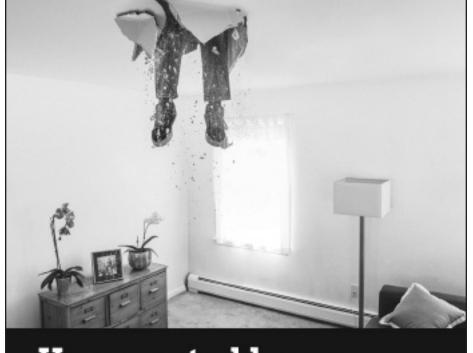
Town Council Chair, John Farrell, noted that they have a PILOT agreement with Manchester Airport for a little under a million dollars a year.

He said non-profits aren't obligated to pay property taxes and PILOT agreements protect the town by receiving some type of tax rev-

"That's the theory," Malaguti said.

Malaguti said they do PILOTS for specific taxpayers who are exempt from paying taxes.

The Town Council approved the PILOT agreement with New Balance.



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Continued from page 1 were going on in one place," Small said.

One way to measure how they are doing with communication was through surveys. One of the questions asked was communication from the district office,

which about 95% of survey respondents said they were satisfied or highly satisfied with.

lar response," Small the website, and about said.

question Another how satisfied people are that was asked was where people get their ity the district has seen information from. Small

survey results, about 96% of respondents get their information from email, about 74% get it from texting, 11.8% get "Schools had a simi- their information from 10.6% get their information from social media.

> One increase in activwhen it comes to com

something Small said teachers are using more of to show off students' achievements

After looking at the data and hearing feedback from parents and the community, Small said it was decided that they would have all their official information on their website knowing

said according to the munication is Instagram, that not everyone uses have done a good job at social media.

> "At the root of all of this, the website really is where official information is and email is what comes from the schools because either people love social media or they don't," Small said.

> School Board member, Amanda Butcher, said she thought they

promoting the school district and what is happening through the communications committee.

"I think we really needed to kind of show what was going on globally within our schools and I think that you worked so hard with the whole team to do that,' Butcher said.

Assessing

Continued from page 6 phone if they have any concerns about their preliminary assessments. "We want to have a conversation," Hamilton said.

Call 603-432-1100 ext. 135 to arrange an appointment before Aug.

25 at 4 p.m.

For commercial properties, Hamilton stated that some things like apartments without low income have had a significant change in value while some offices have gone down in value compared to residential.

"It's a mixed bag when it comes to com-

mercial properties," Hamilton said.

Even though some homes may have gone up in value as part of the revaluation, Hamilton explained that there is a chance the tax rate could decrease, which was the case in 2021.

It was explained by Hamilton that once they

determine the final valuation of the town as a whole they then divide it by the amount of money Hamilton said New that needs to be raised to come up with the tax

Hamilton said they don't have the 2023 tax rate vet and it would be finalized by the Department of Business Revenue in October or November.

Unlike other states, Hampshire only allows for one tax rate.

In 2022, Hamilton stated that the tax rate was \$18.42.

Hamilton added they would go in front of the ues.

Town Council in the Fall to have the final revaluation values submitted.

Residents took to social media after the letters were delivered and posts written on LondonderryNH were concerned about the pike in their home val-

OBITUARY

Shirley Carolyn Desmarais



Shirley Carolyn (D'Ambroise) Desmarais, age 90, passed away peacefully in her Derry, NH home on Aug. 17, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. During her long term illness, she was lovingly cared for by her daughters, Michelle Desmarais and Marisa Desmarais, who

resided with her. Shirley was born and grew up in Lowell, MA and graduated from Lowell High School in 1950.

She was a devoted elder sister to Sylvia Bailey, of Hudson, NH; Robert D'Ambroise and wife, Patty of Hudson, NH and Joyce Parent of Pelham, NH. She married her high school sweetheart, Arthur Desmarais, whom she loved deeply for 62 years until his death in 2013. After moving to Londonderry, NH in 1965, Shirley, an expert seamstress, opened a bridal business, Shirley's Bridal Shoppe on Griffin Road. As a real estate broker, she became associated with Tinkham Realty and Berkshire Hathaway both in Londonderry. She earned many awards for her expertise. Shirley spent many years with her daughter, Valerie and her husband, Gregory Caruso, in their home and was a devoted "Meme" to Gemma Caruso, of Londonderry, NH; Olivia Caruso, of Boston, MA and Quentin Caruso, of Dover, NH. She was greatly admired and appreciated by her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews for her kindness and love.

Shirley studied and loved music and was a classical pianist. In her leisure, she enjoyed the beaches of NH, Cape Cod, and FL, collecting antiques, home decorating and fashion, horses, and all family gatherings. She was a communicant of St. Jude Parish Community, Londonderry, NH where she was an active member of St. Jude Seniors. She also attended St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry. Shirley was a proud and optimistic woman who lived the meaning of "Joie de Vivre".

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH on Thursday, Aug. 24. Burial followed at Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry, NH. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARY

Daniel "Dan" Maikal Guerin



Daniel "Dan" Maikal Guerin, 41, of Auburn, NH, died Saturday Aug. 12, 2023, unexpectedly in his home from an acute coronary thrombosis. He was born on Sept. 4, 1981 in Derry, NH, a son of Richard and Claire (O'Connell) Guerin.

In addition to his parents, Dan is survived by two sons, Holden Guerin and Baelin Guerin, both of Londonderry, NH; daughter, Nylah

Guerin of Londonderry; one grandchild, Faye Guerin and the mother of his children, Vanessa Guerin.

Dan had many joys in his life. He loved his family, cooking holiday meals, and his time outdoors. He was an avid reader, loved attending rock concerts and comedy shows. He especially loved his naps.

Dan cherished his friendship and bond with the mother of his children. He was absolutely thrilled with the addition of his granddaughter. His parents were thankful he lived so close. They were able to share laughs, stories, and the occasional chores.

Dan worked at Vulc Tech in Hudson, NH for many years as a service advisor. He had a smile that was kind and infectious. He was quirky, intelligent, and absolutely hilarious, especially if he was passionate about a topic. Dan will be greatly missed by all that were lucky enough to know him.

Although, not religious, Dan was very spiritual. He often said the woods were his "church or temple". A quote he was fond of was by John Muir "And into the woods I go, to lose my mind and find my soul"

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Tuesday, Aug. 22, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Lee S. Thomas

Lee S. Thomas, 79, of Londonderry, NH, died peacefully Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023, in his home with his wife by his side. He was born on April 29, 1944 in Middletown, NY, a son of Stanley Thomas and Jeanette (Lewis) Freeman.

Lee served as a proud member of the U.S. Air Force prior to becoming a Surgical Technician. He worked for Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Wilma Moses of Londonderry; three sons, Timothy Martin of Cape Coral, FL, Lee "Papo" Thomas of Middletown, NY, Anthony Thomas of Boston, MA; two brothers, Bishop Robert Smith of Middletown, NY, Benjamin Delaney of Alexandria, VA; two sisters, Hannah Sparks of Jonesboro, GA, Elizabeth Rivers of Middletown, NY, as well as several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, Aug. 17, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Funeral services will be held at a later date in Middletown, NY. The burial will be in Washingtonville Cemetery, Washingtonville, NY. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



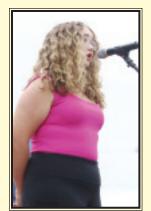
Old Home Day Parade Marches Down Mammoth Road

















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The annual Old Home Day parade rolled down Mammoth Road on Saturday morning, Aug. 19, and brought cheers all ago the route. Dylan Torre-Moody performed the National Anthem, the 2023-24 Lancers Marching Band performed for the first time, the 2023 Grand Marshals Dick and Jane Doyle were presented along with Citizen of the Year Remi Fortin and Volunteer of the Year Jonathan Kipp. As always, there were plenty of politicians marching in the parade, including Gov. Chris Sununu, Gov. Ron Photos by Chris Paul DeSantis.





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Local Seniors Enjoy Annual Barbeque Served by Volunteers









Local senior citizens were once again treated to a barbecue-style dinner during this year's Old Home Day celebration. On Wednesday, Aug. 16, Londonderry volunteers served hotdogs, hamburgers and turkey burgers to those attending the Senior BBQ on the grounds of the former Lions Hall. The group also was able to participate in a number of rounds of BINGO hosted by Old Home Day chair Katie Sullivan and Town Manager Mike Malaguti. State Rep. Kristine Perez handed out the gifts for winners. Photos by Chris Paul

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Derry Wins Annual First Responders Softball Battle



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become an annual tra-**■**dition during the Old Home Day festivities, Fire and Police Departments from Derry and Londonderry took to the softball field Friday night, testing each town's skills in softball.

For the n what has now straight year, the crosstown rivals from Derry came away with the win, giving the teams a 2-2 split in their overall meetings.

Londonderry First Responders won the first two contests, skip-



second ing Covid-19, and since then Derry has taken the last two victories in this friendly rivalry.

> On Friday night, Aug. 18, the teams met just after the rains soaked the field and played five innings of slow-pitch softball where Derry outlasted the home-field

team for a slim 18-16

squad was able to take an early lead in the first, sitting down Derry's first three batters and scoring the first two runs with an inside-thepark homer to lead 2-0.

Derry quickly came back in the second, scoring eight, which Londonderry matched in the bottom of the inning for a 10-8 lead.

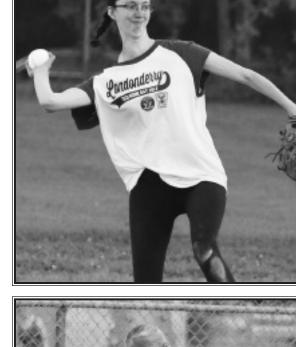
The visitors took a 14-10 lead in the third, scoring six unanswered runs in the inning and added four more in the fourth for a 18-10 lead.

In the bottom of that

The Londonderry

scored five, thanks to two homeruns, then blanked Derry in the top of the home squad to just one fifth to trail by just run, handing Londonthree, going into the bot-derry the 18-16 defeat.

In the bottom of the inside-the-park fifth, Derry's defense and pitching held the





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Londonderry Runner Wins Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K



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The Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K had well over 1,000 runners competing in this year's race festivities and Londonderry High School 2022 graduate, Will Plante, came away with the overall win.

of nearly 200 hometown males. runners and won the race with a time of finisher.

Mary Klene of Manoverall runner to cross the finish line and took first in the Women's Divi-

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time of 18:25.9.

Amherst was the second place finisher, coming in at 18.02.8.

Cory Rose, 35, of to end the Old Home Day Centennial, CO, was fourth overall and came in third place for the males with a time of 18:29.2.

Branden McCoo of Plante, who is 19 and Concord had a finishing a former track stand out time of 18.29.9 for fourth for the Lancers, was one overall, third for the

In the Women's Division, Klene took first, 17:01.8, a full minute Ashley Dennis, 26, of over the second place Manchester was second at 18:59.2 and 13th overall; and Liz Belanger, 32, chester was the third of Hooksett was third with her 19:18 net time and was 21st overall.

Along with the win-

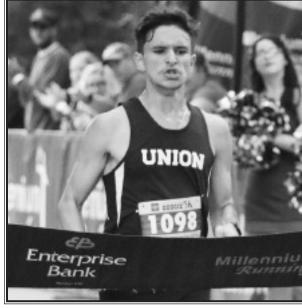
sion with an impressive ner Plante, other Londonderry males that Thomas Cook, 37, of placed in the top 50

> Matthew Anderson, 34, placed 12th overall (18:59.2); Chase Von Pichl, was 32nd (20:15.5); Samuel Erdtmann was 35th (20:23.7); Eric Ramsey was 45th (21:15.2); and Patrick Ramsey was 48th (21:20.4).

> The top Londonderry women competing in the race were: Laura Zube, 45, was 82nd overall and third in her division (22.22.9); Mariana Nunley, 40, was 98th

overall, third in her division. Katherine French. 33. was 120th overall and fourth in her division (23:55.5); Heidi Letalien, 58, 124th overall and fist in her division; Meghan O'Neill, 40, placed 154th overall and sixth in her division.

The 5K race began and ended at the LAFA Complex on Sargeant Road and after the race, participants and other attendees took part in a Brewfest that included beer sampling, food, a concert, and a bonfire.



Will Plante



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On the Common

The Town Common had plenty to keep families entertained on Saturday, Aug. 19 during the annual Old Home Day celebration. The stage had performances throughout the afternoon, the Kidz Zone had games and a farm animal petting area, and booths were set up by local businesses and organizations with lots to do. Photos by Chris Paul





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OBITUARY



Norbert "Bert" C. Sell
Norbert "Bert" C. Sell, 82, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023 and but for a few people, he took his middle name with him. Bert, or Papa Bert as he was affectionately known by his grandchildren, was born on Aug. 6, 1941, the son

of the late Norbert L. Sell and Alma (Dill Sell) Sowden in New York City. Splitting his time between NJ and MA, he graduated high school and went to Union College Barbourbille, KY.

Bert had a lifelong career as an Insurance Adjuster. Upon graduation, he went to work for Liberty Mutual, but working for someone else was not in the cards for him. His first business was Norfield Associates, then in 1976, he went out on his own and opened Bert Sell & Company, which he ran until he retired in 2010.

He met the love of his life, Faye H. (Chase Fitton) Sell in 1987 and they spent 35 happy years together.

Bert loved his wife, his children and his grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Brad Sell, as well as his daughter, Jennifer L. Sell. He is survived by his beautiful soulmate Faye, his three children Kendra L. (Sell) Hackett, Kurt L. and Eric L. Sell, his bonus sons Randy and Chad Fitton, and his grandchildren Taylor Fitton, Tyler and Paige Fitton, Ethan and Sam Hackett and Addison Sell.

Calling hours were held at the Peabody Funeral Home, on Aug. 21. A funeral service followed in the funeral home. Following cremation, a graveside service was held on Tuesday Aug. 22 at Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the wonderful Mt. Carmel Nursing and Rehab Center, 235 Myrtle St., Manchester, NH 03104 - who took excellent care of him at the end. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Blues Festival

The 9th Annual Blues Festival is coming to Londonderry, on Saturday, Aug. 26, from noon - 4 p.m., on the Londonderry Town Common at the corner of Pillsbury and Mammoth Road. The festival is free and open to the public and features the Rik-Sha Blues Band at noon, the Kan-Tu Blues Band at 1:15 p.m. and Dr. Harp's Blues Revue Band at 2:30 p.m. In addition to music, this family friendly event includes a 50/50 raffle, local vendors and crafters, food, and lots of fun. All proceeds from the raffle and vendors will benefit the Combat Vets Associations. The Combat Vets Associations provides assistance to individual veterans, veteran care facilities and other veteran

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Pig Roast

On Sept. 10, American Legion Post 27 will hold a Pig Roast at 6 Sargent Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. Food served at 3 p.m. and cost is \$20 per person. You can buy tickets at the Post or Venmo @SALPost27

Free Meals

Free Community Meals Network in the area for August: Dinner on Aug. 25, from, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., go to the parking lot at back door, of the First Parish Congregational Church, located at 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information; Pick up Breakfast & Basic Needs Items at the Mercurio Family Masonic Lodge Located at 58 East

tered charities throughout Broadway, Derry, on Aug. 26, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., call 603-475-3852 for more information; Lunch on Aug. 27, from, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Indoors, at St. Jude Parish Community, located at 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, call 603-432-3333 for more information.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Sept. 20, 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.

Green Team Meetings

The Green Team will meet on Monday, Aug. 28, in the lower level at the Leach Library. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will end promptly at 7:45 p.m. The Green Team of Londonderry will be holding their meetings on the 4th Monday of each month, in the lower level at the Leach Library.

Ghosts and Legends

The Leach Library and Derry Public Library are teaming up to bring you Jeff Belanger's Ghosts and Legends program at the Derry Opera House on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be available to purchase from the Friends of the Derry Public Libraries and the Friends of the Leach Library. There will also be a Q&A and book signing at the end of the program. The Derry Opera

House is located at 29 W Broadway in Derry. Seating is limited to 350 people. Registration is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. For more information and to register, visit the Derry Public Library's event calendar at www.derrypl.org or call either library, Derry Public Library at (603) 432-6140 or Leach Library at (603) 432-1132.

NEA Big Read

Leach Library and the Londonderry Senior Center, in partnership with NH Humanities (NHH), will support the statewide National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) "Big Read" of a novel entitled The Bear by Andrew Krivak. The Bear offers readers an opportunity to join an unimaginable journey into a world both familiar and unknown as we consider what future we want for NH. On Thursday, Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, Leach Library staff will facilitate a book discussion on Andrew Krivak's The Bear. An evening book discussion will also be offered at Leach Library on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Registration for the book discussion sessions is required and

opens on Monday, Aug. 21. Participation is limited to 25 participants per book discussion. To register and pick up a copy of the book, please visit the Leach Library main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132. To further explore The Bear's survivalist theme, the Leach Library will welcome Jake King from Thrive Outdoors for a presentation on "Surviving in the Wilderness" on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Registration for the event will open on Thursday, Sept. 7. For a complete list of Big Read partner organizations and more information about Big Read events in NH, visit www.nhhumanities.org/bigread, or contact NH Humanities at (603) 224-4071 or email info@nhhumanities.org.

Library Hours

Leach Library's summer hours will remain in effect through Saturday, Sept. 9. During this time, the library will be open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Curbside service will continue to be provided during operating hours

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Aug. 14 2:07 a.m. Services rendered by two officers for a Missing Person at Young Road on Nashua

10:05 a.m. Auto Theft investigated on Londonderry Road.

1:13 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Maureen Circle.

4:54 p.m. Warning Issued by three officers after a motor vehicle stop and consent search on Michels Way at Garden Lane.

11:01 p.m. Warning issued after a Motor Vehicle Check on Garden Lane at Park & Ride - South.

Tuesday - Aug. 15 10:30 a.m. Services rendered by three officers to Keep the Peace on Woodside Drive.

12:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Landmark Crossing. Daniel Fontaine, 38, of Boscawen, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Drive After Revoked/Suspension - Admin. License **2:47 p.m.** Four officers Bench Warrants.

2:16 p.m. Three officers more Road. investigate a Sudden 5:17 p.m. Burglary in-

Death on Wilshire Drive. **4:17 p.m.** Services rendered for Trespassing on Perimeter Road.

5:01 p.m. Dog Bite investigated by Animal Control on King Arthur

7:58 p.m. Dog Bite Investigated on Anthony Drive.

8:15 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Woods Avenue.

9:02 p.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite on Crackling Log Lane.

Wednesday - Aug. 16 7:52 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Brentwood County Jail, Brentwood. Sang Minh Thai, 35, of Lawrence, MA., charged with four counts of Theft by Willful Concealment.

10:01 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

12:09 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Woodland Drive.

Suspension; and three render services for a complaint on Whitte-

vestigated by three officers on Prairie Lane.

7:01 p.m. Ten officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Brookview Drive.

9:06 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive.

Thursday - Aug. 17 1:31 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Auburn Road at Old Derry Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Andrew Furtado, 31, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

4:41 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Macintosh Lane.

5:55 a.m. Five officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transported to a hospital from Holstein Avenue.

6:43 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Manchester Boston Regional Air-

1:06 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at St. Mary's Bank on Nashua Road.

5:16 p.m. Restraining Order served and arrest made by three officers at the Sleep Inn on Perkins

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Around Town

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Drop-In Tech Help

Curious about reserving library materials online from home? Want to learn how to access our various databases and digital collections? Looking to get started with Libby and Hoopla? Need help navigating a new device? The Leach Library reference staff has you covered. Starting in September, just stop in any Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon the staff will provide oneon-one assistance tailored to your technology-related needs. For more informa-

tion no appointment is necessary or to make an appointment for another time, please call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Read Local at Renegade's

Join Leach Library staff at Renegade's Pub on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. to discuss Nita Prose's awardwinning novel The Maid. Individuals are responsible for their own food and drink. Registration is open and limited to 15 participants. Please visit the library's main desk to register and check out a copy of the book.

Crafternoon

The event is returning to the Leach Library as a monthly 90-minute meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m., bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. No registration is required. For more information, call the

Police Log

Continued from page 14 Road. Joshua Moore-Young, 32, of Watertown, MA, arrested on a Warrant. **6:09 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated at Penske Truck Rental on Jack's Bridge Road.

Friday - Aug. 18 12:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle stop on Stonehenge Road at Bartley Hill Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Caelan Bishop Jeffers Carpenter, 21, of Manchester, charged with Theft By Unauthorized Taking \$0-\$1,000.

4:38 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Sanborn Road.

12:54 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services at Sanborn Crossing on on Hovey Road. Sanborn Road.

Saturday - Aug. 19 8:53 a.m. Juvenile Offenses reported at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

Activity investigated on Nashua Road.

Stonehenge Road.

11:55 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at the Mushield Company on Ricker Avenue.

1:12 p.m. Services rendered for a Missing Person at the Town Common on Mammoth Road. **6:32 p.m.** Peace restored by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Currier Drive.

6:50 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency on Otterson Road.

7:42 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Green Drive.

10:51 p.m. Services Rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Alexander Road.

Sunday - Aug. 20 5:29 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services

9:24 p.m. Warning issued for Parking Violation/Complaint at the Aviation Museum on Navigator Road.

11:32 p.m. Assisted the N.H. State Police at the 11:27 a.m. Suspicious 7-Eleven Food Mart on





Little Miss & Master The titles of Little Miss and Master of Londonderry were

awarded early on Saturday morning, Aug. 19 at the annual Old Home Day Baby Contest. Avery Cradall was the baby girl winner, pictured with her mom, Mackenzie. David Yeomans, pictured with mom, Danielle, was this year's Little Master. Photos by Chris Paul

library at (603) 432-1132.

Cookbook Potluck

Love to cook and bake? Then this is the perfect program for you. On Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the Leach Library prepare and share a recipe from either The Apple Cookbook by Olwen Woodier or The Apple Lover's Cookbook by Amy Traverso, and bring it in to the Leach Library for a potluck. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration is required and began on Monday, Aug. 21. Please visit the library's main desk to reserve a recipe and check out a cookbook.

Pokémon TCG Card Swap

On Saturday, Sept. 23, Pokémon Trading Card Game enthusiasts are invited to stop by the Leach

Library Meeting Room Library Meeting Room. from noon - 3 p.m. to swap and trade their collection. Special guests from Awesome CCG will be available with their own card binders ready for trading and selling. For those new to the game, there will be an opportunity to purchase some starter accessories and decks. Please note that selling cards will be limited to interactions between Awesome CCG and players and will not be permitted between players themselves. All participants will receive a ticket for a door prize raffle drawing. This program is intended for ages 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, Sept. 16. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Teens and tweens are cordially invited to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leach

Barbara (Gallant) Jacques, 93, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Saturday Aug. 12, 2023 in the Salemhaven Nursing Home, Salem, NH. She was born on Feb. 1, 1930 in Lawrence, MA, a daughter of the late John and Jeannette (Gillis) Gallant. She had been a resident

of Londonderry for the past 24 years, formerly living in Methuen, MA. Barbara worked as a nurse's aide for Blenwood Nursing Home in Methuen.

She is survived by two daughters, Kim A. Law and her husband Perry of Oxford, CT and Karen West and her husband Christopher of Londonderry; two sons, Keith A. Jacques and Kathy Middleton of Landisville, PA and Kevin A. Jacques and his wife Laura of Plaistow, NH; eight grandchildren, Ryan, Heather, Christopher, Lauren, Jonathan and his wife Caroline, Kayla, Daniel and Timothy: one sister, Ruth Anne Anderson of Murietta, CA as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her brother Joseph D. Gallant.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Thursday, Aug. 24 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A memorial service followed in the funeral home. Burial will be held privately in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Salem, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452, or to Harborside Hospice, 23 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH 03865.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY **LEGAL NOTICE**

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on a waiver request to Section 6.01(c) of the Londonderry Site Plan Regulations to allow the issuance of a certificate of occupancy prior to the completion of all site improvements. 50 Woodmont Ave, Map 10 Lot 41-1 Zoned AR-1, Woodmont Commons Planned Unit Development, The Baldwin Senior Living (Applicant & Owner).

Public hearing on proposed changes to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance, Section 9 to reflect the adoption of the 2018 editions of the international codes as promulgated by the NH State Building Code. The full text of the amendment and changes are available at the Planning & Economic Development Department and the Town Clerk's Office.

Participants will decorate Maze cookies and enjoy a refreshing beverage at this Wonderland-inspired event. Registration is required

and begins on Tuesday, Sept. 19. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Children's Book Bingo

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 4:30 p.m., everyone will have the chance to win at least one book of their choosing at the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Sept. 20. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Lost in Wonderland

Teens and tweens are invited to find their way through a Wonderland labyrinth in the Leach Library Meeting Room on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Participants will follow in Alice's footsteps in this winding maze; look for the March Hare and watch out for the Cheshire Cat. Will you find your way out of Wonderland? Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Sept. 21. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

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