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Members of the Londonderry High School Dance Team welcomed veterans at the the entrance of LHS with cheers at the annual Veterans Breakfast on Friday morning. Photo by Chris Paul

School, Town Honor Veterans with Annual Breakfast

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The school district and the Town of Londonderry combined efforts again this year for the annual Thank You Veterans Day Breakfast. The event was held on Friday morning, Nov. 10, at the Londonderry High School cafeteria and featured breakfast, guest speakers, military themed music, and gift baskets presented to the attending veterans.

Those attending were invited

by phone call made by the high school's Pay it Forward group, and organized by LHS Assistant Principal, Katie Sullivan.

The "Patriotic Salute to Our American Heroes" is organized each year by Sullivan, along with her Pay It Forward group.

The Londonderry High School Dance Team welcomed veterans at the entrance with cheers.

The breakfast began with socializing and music, performed by Dylan Anderson during the buf-

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Town Council Discuss Traffic Issues on "Old" Mammoth Road

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

For years there have been traffic concerns with Mammoth Road, and now the Town Council is ready to look at long term solutions, after being briefed on the situation by Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, during the Nov. 6 meeting.

"There have been concerns on "Old" Mammoth Road about traffic safety speed and related issues dating back decades," Malaguti said.

Until recently, he said the conversations and discussions were focused at the Traffic Safety Committee meet-

ings and said, "there hasn't been much done in the way of infrastructure improvements over the years."

He said it was "clear" that if certain interventions were to be made, they would have to come from the Town Council.

"The time for talking at the Traffic Safety committee was done," Malaguti said.

Malaguti noted that Public Works recommended double striping the road, which they did, but he was looking to find out if they want to entertain the idea of investigating it further, and seeing

what the best option would be moving forward.

"Is this something that we want to continue to have a conversation about," he said.

It was also noted by Malaguti that they previously received a petition from people who live in the area, looking to have a gate put in.

The petition states: "We the residents of the area of town commonly referred to as "The Village" do hereby petition the Town of Londonderry to install an electronically controlled gate on Mammoth Rd., at the southern entrance to

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School Board Move Forward with RFP for Moose Hill Project

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The School Board was presented with a proposal to move forward with requests for proposals/qualifications now for the potential Moose Hill project, versus later.

"The Trident Group has recommended, and the Administration would agree, it might make sense to start the RFP/Q process for a construction manager for the Moose Hill Building Project. The process will be Qualifications based, blind to the fee, similar to the Architect RFQ/P process for the Master Plan,"

Superintendent, Dan Black, wrote in a memo to the School Board ahead of the meeting.

One of the advantages Black pointed out earlier in the process is that they could save about five weeks on getting things going, should the bond pass in March.

"Knowing how tight we are for space right now at Moose Hill, any time we save in the future to solve our overcrowding issues is a good investment," Black said.

He said having a construction manager will also help to explain different details of the proj-

ect to the public and can "be a great resource to have during any community events or forums to explain the technical work that would be done at Moose Hill."

Black also said that knowing the fee structure for the construction manager sooner rather than later "would help

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School Board Discuss Hiring Their Own Attorney

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School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said he had a proposal to move forward with hiring Lauren Irwin from Upton & Hatfield, LLP, for the School Board to use at times when needed, after two and a half months of researching different potential law firms.

"She specializes in School Board and school district law," Slater said, noting that she has good credentials and was highly recommend-

ed by several people. He added that she represents 10 different school districts, along with various boards and numerous municipalities.

Slater said the charge would be \$285 an hour, which is \$5 more an hour than the current district lawyer rate.

School Board member, Tim Porter, noted that they wouldn't add any additional costs with the attorney, saying if they are looking for additional legal advice, they would be talking to

the board lawyer, instead of paying the district's attorney.

"It's basically for the board to consult on an additional opinion," Slater said.

He said for example if they are looking to write a policy, they could go to their attorney and bring back recommendations to the superintendent.

"This is basically just for the School Board," Slater said.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said one of his concerns is that since

there is a limited number of law firms in the state handling education law, they wouldn't want to purposely set up competition with each other.

"This could force one of our law firms to dump us in this process," Black said.

His suggestion would be to speak to their current lawyers during a non-meeting to see what their thoughts are.

"I think they try and be careful knowing the landscape is so small," Black said.

Slater said he thinks the other lawyers will likely tell them that they can use the board lawyer for everything.

"If that's the way they want to do busi-

ness I don't want to do business with them," Slater said.

Black also noted that it would be important to know who is representing the School Board during this year's deliberative session.

"Who is going to represent the School Board during the deliberative session on February 6," Black said.

Slater said the law firm would be for getting a second opinion.

"I think you guys need to get good legal advice before making any decisions," Black said.

School Board member, Amanda Butcher, said she thinks it would be good to have a conversation with the

lawyers, but is in support of bringing on a School Board lawyer. She also said she wants to learn more about the model.

"I definitely see the value in this," she said.

Black stated that he is also concerned about what happens if they don't agree, "do you go to court, that seems silly," he said.

School Board Vice Chair, Sara Loughlin, said she agreed with having someone else to talk to, but they should get more information,

The School Board decided to speak to their current lawyers and get more information before making a decision.

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Traffic

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the 4 way intersection with Page/ Grenier Field road in order to reduce excessive speed through this area which has been the scene of many accidents."

Malaguti said they have received six additional signatures from other people, and said "that's what brings us here this evening."

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, noted that there are a total of 24 households on the petition.

Steve Kelly, who lives at the intersection of Mammoth Rd., and Page Rd., said they have been in their home for 12 years, and have been to the traffic safety com-

mittee meetings for nearly a decade making the case for doing something about the road.

"This has been kicked down the road," he said.

Kelly explained that the biggest problems he sees are people cutting through to get to the airport and back, and people driving extremely fast.

"This is a safety issue," he said, noting that they proposed the gate because all of their other options were "shot down."

He also stated that they "knew it wasn't going to do anything," referring to the double stripped lines. In fact, he added that he feels the only thing it has done is helped people looking to

pass people.

Kelly said that no matter what, they are looking for some type of solution, whether it's a gate or another solution.

"You're going to get a decision one way or another," Farrell said.

It was ultimately decided to revisit the issue with more information available including about the different options, along with accident data, and a briefing from the police department and the fire department about their positions before making any decisions.

Malaguti said there have been other requests that have been looked at like speed tables, "We have pros and cons on those different options as well."



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Utilities Committee to Hold Meeting with Saint-Gobain & State

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee came together for its November meeting and discussed a pending application recently submitted to the N.H. Department Drinking Water Trust Fund.

The application is related to the Saint-Gobain settlement and is earmarked for the alleviation of contaminated groundwater across the state.

"There are a lot of

behind-the-scenes discussions taking place," said Town Manager, Mike Malaguti. "I think it would be appropriate to invite the leadership of Utilities to a Zoom meeting, that will involve all the stakeholders in the project."

The meeting will be the first time Committee officials talk with Saint-Gobain directly.

Utilities Vice Chair, Martha Smith, promised to report back during the regular December meeting.

Several members of the Committee expressed frustration at the apparent slow progress of Saint-Gobain in moving forward with a state-enforced consent decree to address groundwater contamination west of High Range Road.

"We do not have authority to litigate or assert claims on behalf of our residents for contamination," Malaguti stated, adding that it is up to the NH Department of Environmental Services and the Attor-

ney General to enforce the consent decree.

"I think we should have some input as to what does happen as far as, let's say the Attorney General moving forward as to what we do or allow them to do," said Utilities Alternate member, Ray Breslin. "What was settled in the consent decree in 2016 is not the situation now, we have learned a lot more about the contamination in the town of Londonderry and I think we strongly need to have input."

Malaguti emphasized the need for the proposed High Range Road project to expand and extend water mains to Route 102. The Town Manager hoped the ex-

tension would be the start of a townwide water system, and such a massive project has been discussed several times. Saint-Gobain is required to pay for new water connections for residents in the consent decree area.

"The state is very excited in this project, which bodes well for our Trust Fund application," said Malaguti.

Pennichuck Water is involved in the discussion and will be at the Zoom meeting, but are unlikely to move forward with new pipe construction until funding negotiations conclude. Londonderry has applied for a \$10 million grant for the initial \$25 million project, including the work Saint-

Gobain will do. Ideally, the town will only need to cover a small percentage of the initial cost, although Malaguti stressed those numbers are preliminary and could change.

"We're going to talk about hopefully working with the Planning Department for a strategy so that we can start working into the Master Plan, I think that's a critical step we as a community can undertake to drive this whole discussion," said Utilities Chairman, Lynn Wiles.

A warrant article in the March budget is likely to come before voters. A \$100,000 request to study the impact of an expanded water system.

Leach Library Budget Proposed

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library is looking to increase the amount of opportunities for the community to access books at neighboring libraries, members of the library administration told the Town Council as part of its proposed budget presented on Nov. 4.

It was explained by Library Director, Erin Matlin, that they were looking to include the membership fee for the Greater Manchester Integrated Library Consortial System in the budget.

Matlin said the program has been around for 39 years, and they have had longtime success and have grown to 13 libraries, who have joined.

"Our patrons would definitely benefit," Matlin

said.

If the town were to join, patrons would have the chance to access over 1.4 million items, along with the ability to check in and check out books at any library part of the system.

Matlin stated that they recently conducted a survey for patrons and one of the questions was whether or not they would want the service. She added that over 93% of survey respondents said yes, saying it's another service "our community would clearly like and we can provide."

It was noted that while in addition to the annual membership fee, they would have a one time fee for onboarding cost of about \$24,300, however, that wouldn't be paid for by taxpayer dollars, since the Board of Trustees agreed to

fund part of it, and they will be fundraising for the rest.

For next year, there would be a partial year membership, which would cost about \$41,183.

"We will have a couple of months where we wouldn't actually be members yet," Assistant Director, Donna Plante, said.

Matlin said they took out about \$10,000 out of the materials line saying they don't expect to need to purchase as many and \$2,000 out of the supplies line.

Matlin added the program would have a financial benefit for a number of patrons. She added that there are 481 GMILCS cardholders that are Londonderry residents, which comes with a fee for those libraries.

In total, the proposed budget for the library is \$1,527,802.



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Editorial

Something To Be Said About a Smile

World Kindness Week started on Nov. 13, a week that promotes the importance of being kind to each other. This understanding creates compassion for others, it has the power to bridge those gaps between our differences. Kindness is to have good intentions, warmth, compassion and love for someone.

The people who bother me the most are the ones who seem to think the world owes them something just because, with the ideology that they are the “chosen ones”. As I always say there are many sides to a story. In this world we are greatly separated from one another either by political divide, social status, you name it. Being kind can bring people of all view points together, if you are willing to listen of course.

Go anywhere, you can find a bench to just sit and watch, as less and less people seem to care about the person next to them. Very few seem to even think that the other person might be going through the same things they are or worse. It seems like reaching out a hand to help anyone is becoming art.

Being kind to a person isn't difficult. Being kind isn't a sign of weakness. Rather, being kind is probably just the opposite. Being kind to your neighbor, your friend, your family members, or a complete stranger shows more strength than anything else.

Though it would be amazing if that golden rule of, “Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you” would make a come back, it seems to have been forgotten.

It takes courage to step out from the shadows of everyone else and do something different. It takes strength to see the world from another person's point of view and find that common ground, finding a solution to the issue not just fan the flames, that notorious middle ground.

Wouldn't it be nice if complete strangers greeted you with a smile or just said hello, it isn't a grand gesture, it didn't take anytime out of their day, still, that act of kindness has set the tone for how that person's whole day or even week went.

During this Holiday season and throughout the year, and throughout the rest of your life, be kind, it might just become contagious. Be kind to the environment by recycling what you can. Take time out of your day to play with your pet a little longer than you normally would and give them a treat when you're done. Be kind to yourself as well, it's okay, people should take the time they need to take care of themselves.

Most of all be, be thankful for what you have when so many have less. “Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.” – Harold S. Kushner.



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Letters

Library Trustees Meeting

To the editor,

It appears that the conservatives who spoke at the meeting would wish the Library to withdraw from the ALA and NHLTA because they do not approve what they perceive as Marxist Socialist views. Why would, if this be the case be not a teaching moment to understand what Marxist Socialist views are, i.e. history of each, what differs them from each other.

The Library is indeed a place of learning and meant to educate us in knowing how to research ideas, all ideas. Indoctrination is not possible if the populace is instructed in all manners of ideas. Exposure is how one learns. Is it not the same thing that the Director did in not accepting the book as your wanting to with-

draw from the above organizations? Perhaps the Director may have learned from this incident that it may be prudent to accept what is offered.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Consider Gov. DeSantis

To the editor,

Gov. Ron DeSantis proved in Wednesday night's debate that he is the Republican Party's clear choice for President.

Gov. DeSantis' record of winning is something our party desperately needs after 3 straight cycles of losing. While the GOP did well here at home on Tuesday, the picture isn't as optimistic nationally. Conservatives lost key races in battleground states like Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, and even lost the Governor's race

in deep-red Kentucky.

During the debate, Gov. DeSantis said what myself and Republicans nationally have been thinking for years, “I am sick of Republicans losing.”

While the red wave never washed ashore nationally in 2022, it certainly did in Florida under Gov. DeSantis' leadership. He won a traditionally difficult swing state by 20 points, even winning the bluest of areas like Miami-Dade County. We need a leader who knows how to win the tough races and lift up the rest of our ticket in 2024.

Ron DeSantis is the proven conservative leader our party desperately needs to beat Joe Biden in 2024. I hope you will join me in supporting him.

Respectfully,
Rep Kristine Perez
Londonderry

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Moose Hill

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both the School Board and administration manage the proposed budget for the building project much more easily, and the Fee structure will be locked in.”

Black explained that the Trident Group has advised them that they can structure the process so “we do not take any financial risk and we only move forward with the construction manag-

er if there is a positive community vote for the building project.”

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said it made sense to get a construction manager on board now, rather than waiting to see if a potential bond passes or not in March.

“This is a very good idea to get a construction manager on board sooner than later,” he said.

He stated that if the project gets approved in March, and they already have someone on board,

they will have a construction manager already who understands the project.

“Basically it's no funds for us to get to that point,” Slater said, noting that they can also line up some of the other trades as well, to get a head start, if the project is approved.

He said the fee structure is usually a percentage of the overall project cost.

The School Board agreed to move forward with the RFPQ process.

Have an Announcement?

This service is provided free of charge to Londonderry residents who wish to announce the birth of their child or grandchild, marriage engagement, wedding or milestone event such as a Silver Wedding Anniversary. This is a great way to share your news with your local community. The Londonderry Times also accepts obituary notices. Please contact us at 537-2760 or e-mail to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Kids Coop Kick Off 27th Season with The SpongeBob Musical



Kids Coop Theatre is kicking off its 27th Season with a large cast of area children performing “The SpongeBob Musical,” starting on Friday night, Nov. 17. The popular television program will be brought to the stage of the historic Derry Opera House this weekend.

The Musical will be performed on Friday, Nov. 17, and Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry. All tickets are reserved seating, and are \$15 when purchased in advance at www.kidscooptheatre.ludus.com, or, \$20 at the door. Londonderry cast members are: Brady Harlow, Colin Chaffee, Jena Gamache, and Rebecca Solomons. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Household Waste and Oil Being Collected on Saturday, Nov. 18

Londonderry will be hosting a Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Nelson Fields (LAFA) parking lot off Sargeant Road behind the Central Fire Station.

This is a semi-annual, joint program, with the town of Derry and aims at keeping potentially

dangerous products out of the environment by giving the citizens of both towns a way to dispose of these items safely and legally.

There is a wide variety of items excepted from the garage, yard, the house and from the workbench. Details as to what hazardous items that can be brought to this collection can be

found on the Londonderry DPW's Facebook page.

Items note accepted are: Batteries, water-based paints, asbestos, explosives, radioactive materials, infectious waste and water-based driveway sealer.

During the same day and time as the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Londonder-

ry will also host a Waste Oil Collection in the parking lot behind the Central Fire Station.

Residents of Londonderry and Derry can bring used motor oil, transmission fluid, and the like to those manning this collection site.

The town burns these fluids in the waste oil furnace heating the DPW garage, reducing both

the Town's annual heating expense and keeping these contaminants out of the environment.

The town annually recycles over 1,200 gallons of waste oil so the savings can be considerable.

As noted, Londonderry's waste oil collection is an all-volunteer effort. The commitment is 1-2 Saturday mornings per year from 10 a.m. to

noon. Recently, several volunteers have moved on to other endeavors so the DPW is in search of new recruits.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Lynn Wiles, Chair of the Utilities Committee, at: lwiles@londonderry-nh.org or call the DPW at 603-432-1100 ext. 193 for more information.

Fish & Game Remind Hunters and Hikers to Share Woods Safely

MELISSA RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Fall is here, as such some have already brought out their bright orange vests and camouflage.

Tuesday, Sept. 1, kicked off NH Fall hunting seasons, with the opening of the black bear and small game seasons. Archery seasons for turkey and white-tailed deer began Sept. 15. Waterfowl began in September, with dates varying by species and zone. Pheasant, Oct. 1 - December, Deer/Muzzleloader, Oct. 28 - Nov. 7, Deer/Regular Firearms, Nov. 8 - Dec. 3.

As hunters and hikers share trails, NH Fish and Game reminds every-

one to bear in mind the following rules and regulations and safety tips:

To take part in any hunting, a hunter must obtain a NH hunting license. Licenses may be purchased online, by mailing in an application, or by visiting a local licensing agent (a list by town available at wildlife.state.nh.us/licensing/agents.html).

By state law, anyone who plans to buy a hunting, archery, or trapping license must complete the respective education course, or show a previously issued license of the same type. For more information on how to enroll in an education course, visit wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/hunte

red.html.

Whenever firearms and archery are involved, safety measures must be followed. The following are some safety tips for hunters to keep in mind:

For firearm hunters, follow these best practices: Treat every firearm as if it were loaded, unload firearms when not in use, never climb a fence or tree or jump over a ditch or log with a loaded firearm, only point at what you intend to shoot, never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water, keep fingers off of the trigger until ready to shoot, clearly identify a target and what is beyond it before shooting, make sure that the gun barrel and action are clear of obstructions, store firearms and ammunition separately, know where your hunting partner is at all times, always keep hunting dog under con-

trol, and avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while on the hunt. These same guidelines can be applied to bowhunters.

Plan for the weather. Hunters can be at risk for hypothermia in cold, wet conditions, even in temperatures as high as 50 degrees. To reduce risk dress in warm layers, avoiding moisture-retaining cotton and opting for a water-repelling outer layer. Before going out, be sure to check the weather report so as not to be caught off guard by an unexpected storm.

It is not advised to head out on a hunting trip without letting a someone know where you will be and when you expect to return. This person can alert authorities of your absence and help can be sent out to sooner.

Outdoor safety is not limited to hunters.

Those who enjoy the beauty of the woods are advised to take their own safety precautions.

Sight-seers are urged to avoid colors and patterns that blend into the surroundings, such as white, black, brown, animal patterns, and camouflage. Bright clothing is best for visibility, especially for vests and hats. These bright colors will help you stand out to hunters so they will avoid hitting you.

Making your presence known is a great way to ensure your safety. Talking loudly to a companion, whistling or singing, or playing music on a device will help nearby hunters acknowledge your location. However, for common courtesy, noise should be reduced once safety is established.

Hikers with dogs should not let them walk off-leash in an area that allows hunting, especially in areas with game the dog may want to chase.

To avoid encountering hunters altogether, there are plenty of loca-

tions where hunting is prohibited. Most state and national parks do not allow hunting, and Sundays are often hunt-free days.

Regarding any hunting lures, the NH Fish and Game department urges hunters not to use natural urine-based deer lures as Fall hunting seasons begin. These products can potentially spread Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal neurological disorder in white-tailed deer and moose. Synthetic lures are permitted for NH hunting.

Hunting and hiking can be enjoyable activities, but both involve rules and regulations and common sense in the interest of safety and ethics. If everyone works together, hunters and hikers can share the woods peacefully and safely.

For a complete explanation of all types of hunting, fishing, trapping, and their rules and regulations in NH, as well as answers to frequently asked questions, visit wildlife.state.nh.us.

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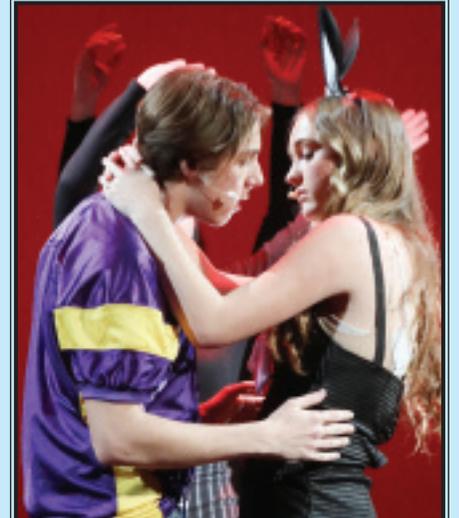
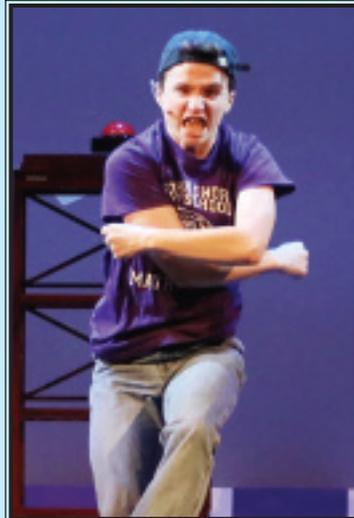
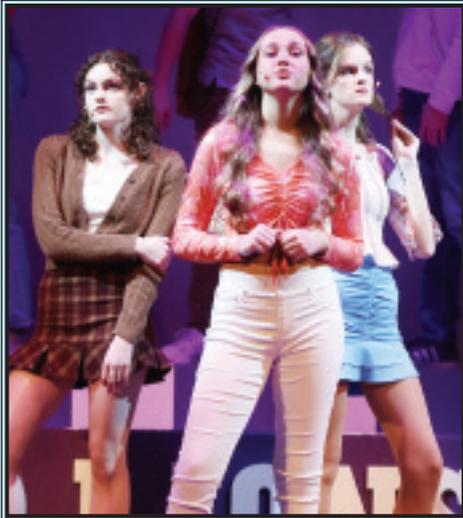
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Ovation Theatre Company's production of "Mean Girls - High School Version" was performed to capacity crowds at the Derry Opera House on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11. About 30 performers took to the stage for the musical taken from the popular movie. Londonderry cast members include: Ava Amaro, Carter Blanco, Hanna Carroll, Meg Carroll, Lylah Chaffee, Kelly Egan, Michaela Horan, Cooper Jean, Malia Smith, Lizzie Sosa, Lily Tessier, Elisa Thomas, and Dylan Torre-Moody.

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Vets Day

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 fet style breakfast prepared by our LHS Dining Services.

LHS students, Sammie Sullivan and Sean Connors, welcomed all the veterans and their guests, before former U.S. Senator, Kelly Ayotte, lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The event's Guest Speaker was the newly appointed Londonderry Fire Chief, Bo Butler. He spoke of how much the town of Londonderry has given to him and his family and the time he spent in Afghanistan as a member of the U.S. Army.

The LHS Symphonic Band, directed by Serge Beaulieu and Emily Dawson,

followed the speaker by playing the National Anthem, America the Beautiful, and an Armed Forces Salute. The band played the Coast Guard's - Semper Paratus; the Air Force - The U.S. Air Force; the Navy's - Anchors Aweigh; the Marine's - The Marines' Hymn and the U.S. Army's - The Caisson Song.



Londonderry Fire Chief, Bo Butler



Brigadier General Matthew Kennedy

The segment ended with "God Bless the USA," with each being sung by Joey Cain.

Each of Londonderry's Elementary School's Student Council had speakers thanking veterans for their service.

The Blue Star Lancers student speakers also took the stage. Jack Griffin, Asher Comtois, and Natalie Howard

also thanked those attending.

Following that, LHS student singers, Joey Cain and Kelly Egan, performed a Medley of patriotic songs.

In Lieu of not having a parade or service at the Town Common again this year, Londonderry American Legion Post 27 Commander, Bob Stuart, spoke about service and the need to get more veterans involved at the Post. He then introduced Brigadier General (MA) Retired, Matthew Kennedy, as the Veterans Day Guest Speaker.

Kennedy spoke on the significance of Veterans Day, originally named Armistice Day, the day that marked the end of WWI.

He asked everyone to reflect on the day and

devote themselves with dedication and hope.

He also stressed his love for his military service and all it had taught him.

Following that, Gift Card Raffle items were handed out by the Pay It Forward members to those still at their tables.

The gift cards were donated by the Londonderry School District staff, clubs, teams, teachers and students, Londonderry community members, organizations and businesses, the Londonderry Legion, and local community families, friends, and citizens.

Closing Remarks were than made by LHS Pay It Forward Advisor & Assistant Principal, Katie Sullivan.



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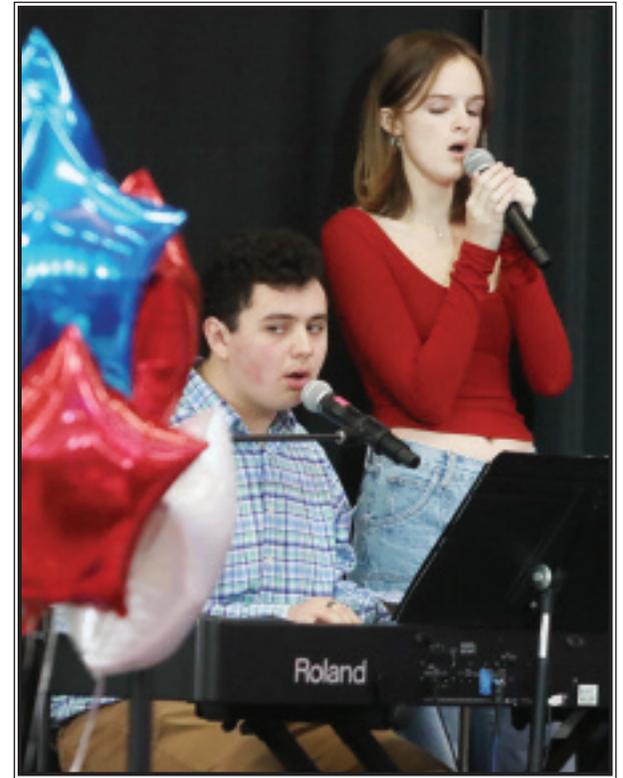





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Local veterans invited to the annual Thank You Veterans Breakfast were entertained throughout the event by a number of musically talented Londonderry High School students. Above center, Dylan Anderson sang and played electric guitar during the early part of the breakfast. Above right, Joey Cain and Kelly Egan performed a medley of patriotic songs. At left, the Londonderry High School Symphonic Band also entertained attendees with an Armed Forces Salute to the five branches of the military.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Blue Hawks No Match for Lancers in Quarterfinal



Senior Seth Doyon blocks a punt on Saturday, which was recovered for a Lancer touchdown.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Football team took another step closer to a Division I title with a near effortless win over the Exeter Blue Hawks in their Quarter Finals game on Saturday afternoon.

The 27-6 win was the team's final game at Lancer Park and the victory sets up a tough contest against the undefeated squad from Pinkerton Academy in Derry this weekend.

In the Lancers win over the Blue Hawks on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 11, LHS had all facets of their game working, the

offense scored two touchdowns in the first half and special teams added another to lead 20-0 by the end of the second quarter. Needless-to-say, the defense kept the Exeter offense out of the red zone until their final possession of the contest.

The game was dominated by running plays, due to the strong winds blown across the field, where Londonderry dominated, getting 294-yards on the ground, and having the defense hold Exeter to 168-yards.

The Lancers were two for four in passing plays, resulting in just

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The Londonderry defense upends Exeter running-back, Kenny Verhelle. Photos by Chris Paul



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Athletes Take Part in National Signing Day



A large group of students, friends, family, and coaches assembled at Londonderry High School on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 9, to honor a number of student-athletes signing their Letters of Intent to Division I and Division II colleges.

Five students were invited to the National Signing Day, with four attending.

Owen Carey, a New Hampshire Division I winning baseball player, signed his letter of intent for Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Ashleigh Leone, a lacrosse and field hockey standout at LHS, will be playing lacrosse at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Natalie Washington, also a lacrosse and field hockey standout for the Lancers, will be attending Flagler University in Florida, where she will play lacrosse.

Zoey Nelson will be playing softball at St. Peters University in Jersey City, New Jersey, in the Fall.

Olivia Cutuli also had college signing, but was unable to attend the ceremony on Thursday. The outstanding Lancers softball pitcher and hitter will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Amherst next Fall. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Football

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18-yards.

Senior running-back, Jake Schena, led his team in rushing, piling up 131-yards on the ground.

Senior Williams racked up 36-yards, Seth Doyon had 34-yards and Adrian Cruz tallied 32-yards.

On defense, senior lineman, Ty Miles, led the Lancers in tackles, with seven solo and two assists. Senior Ty Parsons had four solo sacks in the game.

The Lancers first touchdown of the game came on the first drive of the game. The LHS offense marched down the field in 10-plays, starting at the 20-yard line, for an eight-yard TD run. Junior QB, Alex Villa, handed the ball off at the 11-yard line to Doyon, who carried it into the end zone.

Blake Thompson added the point after for the 7-0 lead, which would hold through the end of the initial quarter, despite a field goal attempt by Exeter in their first drive.

Londonderry's second touchdown came in the second quarter, after

a successful punt by the Blue Hawks pinning LHS at their four-yard-line. It took just two plays for Londonderry to travel 94-yards. Schena started the drive with an astounding 92-yard run, followed by a quarterback keeper by junior Sam Ogden running the ball in from the four-yard-line. Thompson's point after attempt was wide-right for the 13-0 lead.

The following drive

by Exeter ended in three plays and a punt, which was blocked by Doyon, who nearly recovered the ball in the endzone. Sophomore Lucas Palma was quick to pounce on the ball in the end zone, after it got away from Doyon, for the 19-0 lead. Thompson's third point-after attempt was good, and the Lancers lead was 20-0 heading into the half.

Londonderry's final touchdown came at the

start of the fourth quarter. Thompson tacked on the extra point for the 27-0 lead.

Exeter scored their only touchdown with just over seven minutes left in the game.

Doyon capped off the victory with his second block of the game, foiling the extra-point

attempt.

The win gives the Lancers a chance at redemption. They hope to serve up Pinkerton Academy's only loss of the season. The Lancers only loss this year came at the hands of the Astros back in September, when Londonderry lost 24-20 during the

annual Mack Plaque game in Derry.

The semi-final round game is scheduled to take place at Pinkerton on Saturday, Nov. 18, starting at 1 p.m.

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Division Winning Baseball Squad Receive Their Rings

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the 2023 New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I Championship team had their rings presented to them on Thursday night, Nov. 9, at Londonderry High School. The Lancers team tallied the best record ever for a varsity team headed into the playoffs, finishing at 19-1 and moving on to win all of their playoff games.

The final game was a sensational extra-inning comeback, winning 4-3 with a walk-off, extra innings victory against Pinkerton Academy on June 10, at Delta Dental Stadium. The win gave the Lancers their seventh state title and their fifth Division I crown since 2004.

The game went two extra innings after a 1-1 to finish the seventh.

The Astros took a 3-1 in the top of the eighth, but in the bottom of the eighth, Brett McKinnon walked to lead off the inning, Jayden

Hamilton then singled to right and put runners on second and third. A walk to Owen Carey loaded the bases for a single by Johan Pena to drive in one of the three runs needed for the win. Hamilton was thrown out in a close play at the plate for the first out of the inning.

Another walk, this time to Kevin Rourke, loaded the bases again and Carey was then driven in on a single by Liam Stot to tie the game at 3-3.

The winning run was batted in by sophomore Jet Jones, a line drive single to centerfield.

Although the graduating seniors from last year's squad were at the ceremony, head coach, Brent Demas, had nothing, but praise for his DI champions. Presenting championship rings to each of the players.

The rings were purchased through the dugout club, families, and a generous donation from an anonymous source.

Photos by Chris Paul



Above, players and coaches show off their rings. Below, Owen Carey is presented his championship ring by coach Brent Demas. Photos by Chris Paul



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Lions Christmas Tree Sale

The annual Londonderry Lions Christmas Tree Sale will begin this year on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 1 - 6 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sales will continue the following weekends while supply last. Fridays from 4 - 7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sales will take place at the Dykstra Pavilion, 256 Mammoth Rd., across from the Town Common.

GMILCS Fundraiser

To help offset the onboarding cost to join the Greater Manchester Integrated Library Cooperative System (GMILCS). The fundraiser will be available near the Leach library's main desk through Saturday, Dec. 16. Stop by to

purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win local restaurant gift cards or a framed painting donated by one of the Friends. Monetary donations are also welcome by cash or check (payable to "Friends of the Leach Library"). For additional information, please call Erin Matlin, Library Director, at 603-432-1132.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. from now through Dec. 12, story time program for babies 0-18 months old will be held by the Leach Library. 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, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. from now through Dec. 12, toddlers ages 2-3 years old and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Bookworms Story Time

On Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. from now through Dec. 13, story time for preschoolers ages

3-5 years old will be held at the Leach Library. 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, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Tiny Art Painting

Adults and teens are invited to let their imaginations soar and brushes run free on Nov. 18 at 11:30 a.m. to paint a tiny canvas at the Leach Library. Registration is limited to 24 participants and begins on Friday, Nov. 10. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Dragoneers Club

Calling all teen and tween adventurers. Join the Dragoneers Club for a standalone quest on Monday, Nov. 20 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All experience levels welcome. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Nov. 13. To regis-

ter, visit the library's online calendar or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Coding Club

On Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 4 - 5 p.m., students in grades 4-8 will be able to explore a variety of coding exercises and programs including using screen-free coding robots, independent online coding, and other guided activities online with the Leach Library. This program is open to participants ages 9-14. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Nov. 22. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Building Buddies

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Nov. 22. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

DIY Glitter Ornaments

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. to create your

very own DIY glitter ornament. Registration is limited to 25 participants and begins on Monday, Nov. 27. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Duplo Budding Builders

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Nov. 22. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Teen Craft

Teens and tweens are invited for a study break in the Leach Library Meeting Room on Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. During this program, an assortment of Perler Beads and patterns will be on hand to help crafters create a piece to take home. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Nov. 28. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

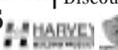
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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 6

7:50 a.m. Three officers render services for Suspicious Activity on Hillside Avenue near Déjà vu.

8:07 a.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Crosby Lane.

10:38 a.m. Five officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Olde Country Village Road.

10:31 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Capitol Hill Drive.

12:08 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes reported on Hovey Road.

12:38 p.m. Services rendered for report of Trespassing on Hovey Road.

1:15 p.m. Suspicious Activity on Tokanel Drive.

3:20 p.m. Eight officers investigate a Disturbance on Jolly Lane.

Tuesday - Nov. 7

12:59 a.m. Missing Person reported on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm apartments.

11:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check conducted by four officers on Nashua Road at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store leads to an arrest. Jager Raco, 19, of Derry, arrested on a Warrant.

1:32 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

3:42 p.m. Seven officers respond to a School Alarm on Mammoth Road, deemed to be false.

5:51 p.m. Domestic Dis-

turbance investigated on Boulder Drive.

9:45 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Nashua Road at the Route 93 bridge.

Wednesday - Nov. 8

4:38 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Chase Road.

4:59 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Sanborn Road.

10:03 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on McAllister Drive.

12:16 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Airport Road at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:51 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Pinyon Place results in subject being taken to Family/Guardian/Other.

Thursday - Nov. 9

1:02 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers at Convenience Plus on Rockingham Road results in an arrest. Eric Mallon, 50, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

8:29 a.m. Peace restored during Neighborhood Disputes at Building "J" on Capitol Hill Drive.

10:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check investigated by five officers at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road

1:23 p.m. Services tendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm apartments.

5:16 p.m. Disturbance on Olde Country Village Road leads to an arrest. Alex Oconnor, 24, of Londonderry charged with two counts of Criminal Mischief.

Friday - Nov. 10

12:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Hall Road at Lori Lane leads to an arrest made by three officers. Zachary Smith, 30, of Litchfield, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Speeding - Existing Conditions.

9:06 a.m. Peace Restored during a Domestic Disturbance at the Londonderry Police Department.

3:20 p.m. Four officers investigate a Disturbance on Holly Lane.

3:55 p.m. Four officers render services for a Welfare Check at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Nashua Road.

4:53 p.m. Five officers respond to Juvenile Offenses on Pendleton Lane, resulting in transportation to a hospital.

7:38 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated by four officers at the Dunkin Donuts on Nashua Road.

9:32 p.m. Criminal Threatening on Holly Lane leads to an arrest made by five officers. Robert Gerhold, 60, of Londonderry, arrested on a Warrant.

Saturday - Nov. 11

1 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three

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Around Town

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Story Time with Santa

Santa will be stopping by the Leach Library on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. 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 on Thursday, Nov. 30. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

Come to the Leach Library on Friday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., an after-hours movie night in the main reading room! Join eight-year-old Kevin McCallister as he fend for himself over the holidays (rated PG). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Dec. 1. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

A Very Merry Book Discussion

Do you love cozy Christmas romances? Then this is the book discussion hosted by the Leach Library is for you. On Monday, Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m. and discuss Debbie Macomber's novel The Christmas Spirit. Cocoa and cookies will be served. Registration is limited to 15 participants and begins on Monday, Nov. 13. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be avail-

able to check out at the library's main desk.

Republican Meeting

On Thursday, Feb. 2, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at the Long Blue Cat Brewery, 298 Rockingham Rd, Londonderry. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome. They will be discussing upcoming Town and School Board elections. Come and join like minded citizens for a discussion and enjoy a drink in a friendly atmosphere. For more information: <https://Londonderry-GOP.org>, www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact Chair Jonathan Esposito at lrc@londonderry-gop.org

Holiday Craft Fair

A craft fair will be held Friday, Dec. 1, from 3 - 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Homes of NH Realty, 200 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry. All proceeds benefit the animals at Live and Let Live Farm Rescue. Fine selections of handmade items, porcelain dolls, games, puzzles, holiday décor, and more Cash, checks, and debit & credit cards accepted

Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

This year Chanukah begins on Thursday, Dec. 7, and ends on Thursday, Dec. 14. Visit <https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/hanukkah> for a brief explanation of this holiday. Join at Etz Hayim Synagogue as they commemorate the victory of the Maccabees. On Friday, Dec. 8, Etz Hayim Synagogue will

host a Second Night Chanukah menorah lighting, with pizza dinner and Family Shabbat Service. Pizza dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., (RSVP is required - email Rabbi@etzhayim.org to reserve your space). At 6:30 p.m., they will light their giant outdoor menorah and sing Chanukah melodies led by Rabbi Levy and Amy. Indoor menorah lighting and Family Shabbat service follows at 7:15 p.m. BYO menorah and 3 candles as we brighten the winter night. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH. Visit us at www.etzhayim.org, or call 603-432-0004.

What's New In Concord

All are Welcome to Meet and Talk with Representatives Ronn Dunn and Kristine Perez. Ask questions and let them tell you about Bills affecting Londonderry for the 2024 Session on Dec. 12, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., location down stairs at the Leach Library.

Tree Lighting

Community Christmas tree lighting sponsored by the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, located at 126 Pillsbury Rd, Londonderry on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m. Please come for Christmas music, snacks, and warm drinks as the trees are lighted.

LHS Craft Fair

On Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., come to the Londonderry High School's Annual Craft & Vendor Fair, where vendors are able to sell their handmade crafts in our high school foyer and cafe-

dered by three officers for a Welfare Check on Fieldstone Drive.

4:24 p.m. Search Warrant issued and a five officers respond to a home on Holly Lane.

4:45 p.m. Services rendered and arrest made during a Motor Vehicle Accident on Boundary Drive. Robert Gerhold, 60, of Londonderry, charged with: Stalking - Notice of Order; and Breach of Bail.

teria, the proceeds goes to the LHS student council, St. Jude's food pantry, and some other clubs around the school as well.

SAL Turkey Shoot

On Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will hold a SAL Turkey Shoot. Come in to win your Thanksgiving turkey or a pie from Sunnycrest Farms at 6 Sargent Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Road.

Wreath Making

Wreath Making will be held on Nov. 27, at 6 p.m., at 6 Sargent Road, behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. Make your holiday wreath for \$25 and help raise money for the Auxiliary.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on Nov. 17, 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.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Join Etz Hayim Synagogue for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:15 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Church of the Transfiguration not only share an interfaith campus but also work together on many activities. These include Elijah's Table and Interfaith Trips to Israel. One of the major events of this collaboration is the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The site and sermon alternate between the two. This year Rabbi Peter Levy will lead the service at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd.,

Derry, and Reverend Ray Bonin will deliver the sermon. This service is of particular significance as these two spiritual leaders will soon be retiring. There will be light refreshments after the service.

Mural Contest

The Leach Library, Londonderry Arts Council, and Friends of the Leach Library are excited to announce an opportunity for a local artist to have their work featured for children and families to enjoy in the Leach Library Children's Room. Applications will be accepted from now - Nov. 30. Eligible artists include NH residents ages 16 and older, but applications from Londonderry residents will be considered first. The contest winner will receive a \$500 stipend to be paid in two installments. A winner tentatively will be selected and notified in Jan. 2024, and installation may be scheduled to begin in Feb. 2024. Visit the Leach Library website for the full contest details and application, or pick up an application packet at the library.

Drop Off Center

The Londonderry Drop Off Center is now closed on Wednesdays. It will be open on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until Nov. 18.

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 one-on-one assistance tailored to your technology-related needs. For more information no appointment is necessary or to make an appointment for another time, please call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Meet Your Neighbors

The Londonderry Women's Club brings diverse women together; creating an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism. If you would like more information about the Londonderry Women's Club or are thinking about joining a group that gives back to the community, check us out on Facebook, visit our website at www.londonderrywomensclub.org or email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

Veteran Credit Renewal

Do You Currently Receive A Veteran Credit On Your Property? If you do, it is time to renew. Please come in to Town Hall and go to the assessing department to fill out a renewal form, not able to make it in than call (603) 432-1100 X 135 and we will mail the form to you.

Police Log

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officers on Norwich Place.

9:26 a.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Jefferson Drive.

11:37 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on State Tree Circle.

1:01 p.m. Missing Person taken to Family/Guardian/Other on King Henry Drive.

4:24 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Off-

enses on Capitol Hill Drive.

2:22 p.m. Medical Emergency investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:39 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Hall Road at Harvey Road.

9:45 p.m. Peace restored after responding to a complaint at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Sunday - Nov. 12
9:16 a.m. Services ren-



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20, 2023, in the Moose Hill Town Council Chambers, on the following proposed amendment to the Town Charter (bracketed text is deleted, bolded text is added):

Shall the municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted and summarized below?

Section 5.7. Treasurer

There shall be a Town Treasurer (hereinafter called "Treasurer") who shall have all the powers and duties granted by this Charter and state law. The Treasurer shall be [elected on an at-large basis to a term of three (3) years at the Town Election] **appointed by the Town Council upon recommendation of the Town Manager for a one (1)-year term.** Vacancies in the office of Treasurer shall be filled pursuant to state law.

If the amendment is adopted, the Town Treasurer shall be appointed by the Town Council instead of being elected. If the amendment is adopted, the elected Treasurer shall remain in office until the 2025 annual town election.



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