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Wellness Debut

“Stormy” the new Londonderry Middle School mascot made his first appearance to students during the annual Wellness Day. He is pictured dancing with students and cheering on others that were walking around the school.

Photo by Chris Paul

Planning Board OKs Chase Bank Plan on Gilcreast Road

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board held a public hearing on a plan to demolish the building on the corner of Nashua and Gilcreast roads and have it replaced with a Chase Bank location.

During its Oct. 4 meeting, the board reviewed a site plan for a

3,116-square-foot Chase Bank at 66 Gilcreast Road. Randy Miron from Bohler Engineering attended the hearing to make the presentation.

“It’s the existing Remax building, with access off of Gilcreast,” explained Miron. “Just has a drive-through atm in the back of the building.”

The Chase design

will add a greater buffer zone around the property to deal with stormwater runoff. The parking lot would be completely replaced and regraded. Miron hopes this will keep the property compliant with local environmental regulations. He’s also proposing new landscaping as part of the

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Ex-Town Notary Settles in Lieu of Criminal Charges

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

An investigation by the State Attorney General has led to a settlement in lieu of criminal charges, against a former Notary Public for the town of Londonderry.

For well over a year now, the New Hampshire Attorney General’s office has been conducting an investigation into Notary practices within the Town of Londonderry. Specifically in question, was the use of official work time and the following of proper procedure regarding the notarization of a “cease and

desist” order by the parents of former Town Manager, Kevin Smith.

The cease and desist letter was addressed to Brian and Jessica Smith, residents of Mill Valley, CA, and was titled “Re: Defamation of Character - For Libel and/or Slander,” dated April 20, 2022.

The document cited several N.H. laws, as well as California Penal Code, threatening legal action against the recipient’s if they continued what the letter claimed were unlawful public statements. The letter purported to be on file with the Londonderry Police Department, as well as the Mill

Valley, CA Police Department. However, a California public records request to the Mill Valley Police Department produced no such record.

The document, signed by Bruce and Denise Smith, was also sent to Kevin and Brian Smith’s cousin, Mary Friedel, a current resident of Massachusetts, who was an alleged victim of sexual assault by a Smith family member when she was a young girl.

The letter, delivered by local law enforcement in both states, was notarized by Kirby E. Brown, who recently left her position at the Town

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Town Council Unveil First Plan for Old Lions Building

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The fate of the old Lions Hall building at 256 Mammoth Rd., was a central topic of discussion at the recent Town Council Meeting. The structure dates back to 1769 for community use, where it has previously served as a place for religious services and as a Town Hall. The Lions vacated in 2022.

The fate of the now-unused Lions building proved to be a contentious topic of discussion in public comments.

“Tonight, we’re being presented with a detail-

ed plan of what the Lion’s Building is going to be, but you haven’t heard what the people of Londonderry want to do,” said Christine Perez of 5 Wesley Dr. She wanted to know why there wasn’t more public input on the building before the preliminary presentation.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, assured the public “This is not a done deal,” telling attendees “This is our first chance” to look at the preliminary design with the First Pass Lions Hall presentation. “There will be multiple public hearings, there will be multi-

ple opportunities to speak for this.”

Dave Wholley, Director of Public Works and Municipal Facilities, was at the meeting with Dan Tenney of Weston and Sampson Engineering Firm and gave the initial plan for the building.

“Our task was to ask what would it take to

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Notary

Continued from page 1 of Londonderry, just shy of her 10-year anniversary.

The “order” was spurred by comments made on social media by Friedel during the former Town Manager’s campaign in the N.H. primary for a U.S. Senate seat.

Upon receiving the letter, Brian Smith and Friedel contacted both the town of Londonderry and the N.H. Attorney General, alleging notarial misconduct due to the discovery that Bruce Smith did not sign the document in Brown’s presence, despite the Notary Seal by Brown attesting that he was present. The formal complaint was made on July 25, 2022.

Friedel also noted in her complaints to the town and state that she was contacted by Londonderry Police officer, Marvin Alfaro, on April 20, 2022, instructing her to stop communications with Bruce and Denise.

On Sept. 21, 2023, the Department of Justice (DOJ) released their findings on the allegations.

In a letter addressed to Kirby Brown, it read: “Ms. Brown: On July

25, 2022, this Office received a complaint alleging your potential notarial misconduct under New Hampshire law. Following an investigation, the Attorney General orders you to cease and desist from conducting any further action as a notary public and to resign your commission in the State of New Hampshire. This Office further fines you \$250 pursuant to its statutory authority under RSA 455:16.”

The letter to Kirby goes on to describe the facts of the case, in that the State found that Bruce Smith was not present when Brown, as a Town Official, notarized the order. In a statement to investigators, Brown reportedly told Denise Smith

“I know Bruce, just have him sign when you see him.”

The DOJ determined that Brown’s actions violated RSA 456-B:2.II and also RSA 456-B:2-a (*IF a notarial act relates to ... a signature executed on a record, the individual ... executing the signature shall appear personally before the notarial officer.”).

This violated RSA 455:16,I(d) by making a notarial act in which she purported to witness a

signature that she never actually witnessed.

The Attorney General provided notice of its intent to seek a civil penalty, to negotiate, and to settle with such suspected violators without court action, provided any civil penalty shall be paid to the Secretary of State. A settlement offer of a civil penalty for Brown’s violation of this state’s notary laws in the amount of \$250, resignation of her New Hampshire notary Commission, and ceasing any further notarial activity in New Hampshire was accepted in verbal conversation with the Attorney General’s office.

According to an Affidavit in Support of an Arrest Warrant, Town office staff conducted an internal investigation on the matter and concluded that what was done “wasn’t a notarial act” contrary to the outcome of the State investigation.

Town Manager, Mike Maliguti, was asked a number of questions related to the State’s findings.

Maliguti responded, “Public servants are rightly subject to heightened scrutiny and accountability. That goes

with the territory. It is unfortunate, however, that in the ongoing efforts of some people and publications to discredit the Town Council and administration, human decency towards an employee who gave her heart and soul to the Town of Londonderry is nowhere to be found.

“In publishing a hit piece about the one-off mistake of a dedicated public servant who gave the residents of Londonderry a decade of her life, the Londonderry Times scrapes from the gutter. Because this publication certainly cannot be expected to do so, let me address this story’s collateral damage directly: Kirby, I am sorry for what you are going through. Nothing, including this episode, can tarnish your contributions to the Town of Londonderry.”

Malaguti declined to answer other questions regarding attorneys costs related to the investigation, the close timing of Brown’s departure, and the procedure that led to the call to Mary Friedel by Londonderry Police.

Reaching out to Kirby Brown on the state’s findings, she said, “I was a respected notary for the Town of Londonderry for six years. On April 18, 2022, Denise Smith came into my office needing a notary. The facts are, Denise was the only one present, and the only one I notarized for. Had there been any additional signatures on the doc-

ument, I would not have notarized the document in any way as no other party was present when the document was presented to me. My practice is to stamp any and all signatures based on common notary practices.

I have never made any exceptions to the notary practices, regardless of the circumstances or my familiarity with the party present. There is only one stamp on the form, as I saw and notarized only one signature. As any notary knows, whatever happens with any form once it leaves your presence is out of your control.

Concerns regarding this document were raised to the Town Manager and in a letter I received from Town Manager Malaguti, dated May 4, 2022, the Town Attorney at the time, after an internal investigation was done, concluded there was no wrong doing.

I was completely unaware of any investigation related to this instance with the AG office, up until two weeks ago when I received notification that I am to resign my notary privileges.

She added, “I am the victim of someone else’s dishonesty. I was simply doing my job that day.”

When asked if she’ll be paying the fine set by the state, Brown said, “I’ll be paying the fine and resigning, even though I know I’m innocent because I don’t want the drama and

stress in my life and I just want to be done with this. As mentioned in my statement, I just found out from the AG’s office about this two weeks ago, and they didn’t give me much time to react. And I just want to move on with my life.”

Brown also stated, “I was never given the chance to tell my account of the event to the AG’s office as I was not made aware of any continued investigation by the AG until they had already concluded it.”

Friedel felt the initial letter delivered to her, Brian and Jessica was a farce, and she was relieved to finally see some resolution to the year-long ordeal, saying, “I am grateful to the AG for investigating the people who conspired to intimidate me. No victim of sexual assault should ever be re-victimized.”

Jessica and Brian Smith were also pleased to see the matter come to an end, saying, “We thank the AG for their thorough investigation into those who tried to intimidate our family. By bringing these dark actions to light, we hope the use of Londonderry resources to satisfy a personal agenda & silence victims is something that never happens again.”

Note: The Londonderry Times was contacted over a year ago by Smith family members urging us to look into this matter. After the state released their findings we felt those findings should be shared with the residents.

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School Board Get Briefed on Federal Grants Spending

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Sept. 25 School Board meeting, Superintendent, Dan Black, gave the School Board an update on how different federal grants have been spent this year, or what the plan is for how to spend them.

“We’re just sharing how we have spent them or will spend them,” Black said.

He said each March, “the Londonderry Voters are given the opportunity to either accept, or not, millions of dollars in federal grants.”

“As is always the case, the Londonderry

Voters overwhelmingly approved the acceptance again in March of 2023 for all the federal grants we will receive for the 2023-24 School Year,” Black wrote in a memo.

For the Title 1 grant, Black stated that the purpose is to “provide additional funding from the federal government that specifically targets students that are considered “Free” or “Reduced Lunch” status.”

“This is how the federal government determines the amount of need for the Londonderry School District in terms of families with more economic needs,” Black said.

He said as it has been for decades, the district’s Title 1 funding “exclusively goes to South Elementary School.”

“Prior School Boards

have ensured a near commensurate level of services in our other two elementary schools based on how the Title I funding is used at South School,” Black said.

With the \$197,191 for the grant in 2023-2024, he added that the district currently has \$174,199 “that is allocated to 2.8 positions that teach Reading and Math Intervention classes to Title I identified students.”

“We also have \$2,000 set aside for any Homeless Families as is required by the grant. We are allowed to carry over less than 15% of the grant year to year if needed,” Black said.

For Title IIA Grant, the district received \$125,027 for the 2023-2024 school year.

“Title IIA is a federal grant that focuses on professional development activities for staff,

including administration,” Black said. “Every Title IIA grant has a two-year window to expend the funds, so it is typical at this time of year to not have the entire grant allocated as we continue to identify professional development needs related to the Strategic Plan.”

He said the district has allocated \$31,500 to the Competency Coaches at the high school “who provide professional development to each of the departments at LHS. Some of this year’s costs were also paid from the prior year’s Title IIA grant because of that two-year window.”

“We also have \$33,415 allocated to our mentors to support all of our new staff in the school system this school year,” Black said.

For the Title IV A Grant, the district re-

ceived \$73,751, which Black said is a “new federal grant that intended to invest in areas such as technology, health & well-being, the arts, and sciences, basically many of the areas that might have been neglected when No Child Left Behind exclusively pushed the importance of literacy and math in prior decades.”

“There was a lot of overlap in prior COVID funds and some of the areas of Title IV funds, so we are not done yet fully allocated last year’s grant,” Black said.

He said when they do allocate the grants, they will “target similar areas in this year’s grant,” including Technology Software Tools that help with curriculum goals. Social Emotional Learning, coding programs and curriculum in the schools, and science curriculum materials.

OBITUARY

Thomas Michael Snediker



Thomas Michael Snediker, 70, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday Oct. 2, 2023, at his home. He was born on Aug. 3, 1953 in Kansas City, MO, a son of the late Robert & Jean (Cleary) Snediker, & had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 33 years.

After years of climbing the proverbial ladder & making a difference in the corporate world, he changed his path & dedicated his life to enriching the minds of young scholars. He created Youth Explorations in Science, an after-school program, that allowed millions of children to find joy in science all over the world. These inspiring projects made it into the hands of children in 28 different countries. He most recently took pride in sending his kits to the children of Ukraine after their schools and lives were disrupted by war. He was affectionately known as the Rocket Man. Flying planes and rockets with participants of the after-school programs brought him great joy. He shared his mother’s love of nature, birds, & gardening and created memorable landscapes everywhere he lived. He was proud to have passed down a love for nature and its beauty to his daughters. Taking his family on countless vacations was one of Tom’s favorite things to do, Walt Disney World specifically held a special place in his heart. Thomas will be remembered for changing the lives of others for the better. He was kind, generous, and giving of himself as a business leader, a teacher, a father, a friend, a son, and a brother.

He is survived by his two daughters, Ashley Swenson and husband Kevin of Londonderry & Lindsey Spanos and husband Billy, of Londonderry, four grandchildren, Mia, Brooks, Laney & Braxton; four brothers, James Snediker & wife Terri-Ann of Simsbury, CT, John Snediker of Beverly, MA, Michael Snediker & wife Shelly of Brooklyn Park, MN, & Robert Snediker, III & wife Karen of Ukiah, CA; one sister, Patricia Snediker & husband Kirk Thornton of Simsbury, CT; mother of his children & friend, Ann (Hogan) Snediker, as well as many nieces, nephews & extended family. He was predeceased by one brother, William Snediker and one sister, Karen Graham.

A Funeral service for Thomas will be held at St. Matthews Church, 2 Searles Rd., Windham, NH at 3 p.m., on Oct. 18. Following the service, please join us for a celebration of Tom’s life at Castleton Banquet Center, 58 Enterprise Dr, Windham, NH from 4 - 7 p.m. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium of Derry & Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Lions Hall

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reopen that facility as a municipal facility,” said Wholley. “What needs to change so far as electrical, mechanical, disability access, etcetera.”

Tenney went on to explain that most of the initial assessment was to determine the condition of the old building and what repairs might be needed.

He proposed a new entrance that would include a handicap ramp with a “front porch” that would make it easier to access from the street with a terrace facing the

town green. Space would be added to the front and rear of the building with bigger toilet rooms, a new kitchen, and a new vestibule. The plan involves some interior repairs and the removal of some closets but would seek to preserve as much of the interior as possible.

Tenny put the current estimated cost of the initial plan at \$857,000 for site improvements with an additional \$2.6 million for

building additions, repairs, and renovations with a total cost of almost \$3.5 million. Much of the expense comes from upgrades designed to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, combined with new wiring and fireproofing to meet safety standards.

The Town Council was concerned about this cost, with Farrell noting that “\$3.5 million is a big number for this community.”

Funding is unclear, although Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, was looking into possibly obtaining a grant. According to Malaguti, the grant has “strict requirements” and might be difficult to get.

There will be a public listening session on the preliminary plans for the Lions building on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Moose Hill Council Chambers. Councilors will be especially interested in what to do with the building.



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Editorial

Fire Safety All Year

Oct. 8 - 14 is the official Fire Prevention Week. This year's fire prevention theme is, "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention".

It's so important to reinforce why everyone needs to have an escape plan in case of a fire. This week also emphasizes the importance of having a smoke detector in every bedroom.

Fire officials note that half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep, while the other half is from unattended cooking, according to NFPA.

There are many tips that you can learn from the fire prevention week such as drawing a map of your home with all members of your household and marking two exits from each room with a path to the outside from each exit. Practice your home fire drill twice a year, one at night and one during the day and teach children how to escape on their own.

Specifically looking at the threats involved with cooking, it is important to keep a close eye on what you're cooking. Be sure to set a timer so you don't forget about foods with longer cook times, such as those that are simmering or baking.

Make sure that you clear the cooking area of combustible items, removing anything that can burn, such as; dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, or paper towels. We

should also be turning pot handles toward the back of the stove, and keeping a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

Besides cooking hazards an safety, there are many other things we need to be aware of in case a fire were to occur. Ensuring the number of your home is clearly marked makes it much easier for the fire department to find. It is important to remember to close doors behind you as you leave this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Once you get outside, stay outside, you should never go back inside a burning building. One aspect that often is often forgotten, but is important would be to have a fire extinguisher and take time to know how to use it.

Your local firefighters are ready to talk fire safety with you anytime, make an appointment to visit them. This is a great way for firefighters to explain their gear and air packs to children, so that the youngsters will have nothing to be afraid of if they encounter a firefighter during a fire.

As the saying goes, they're the ones running into a burning building as everyone else is running out. Help them out and keep them and yourself safe by learning fire safety and fire prevention tips, putting them into practice this month and every month.

With the fact that a fire can double in size every 30 seconds, the importance of taking fire prevention seriously is a no-brainer.

Letters

School Budget

To the editor,

At a recent school board meeting, the school board discussed- and is looking into - hiring an additional lawyer to serve the school board in a dedicated capacity, rather than continuing to seek advice from their current law firm. This will result in higher legal fees for the district, is unnecessary and is superfluous. The seeking of separate legal counsel puts the school board on a path towards having separate goals and objectives than the school district which it serves. The school board, while setting and establishing policy and overseeing the budget, has the ability through influence to impact morale, demonstrate appreciation, highlight the wonderful work being done each day, and serve as a champion for this district. For what purpose would the school board think it needs - or would benefit from- separate legal guidance?

There are few firms that specialize in educational law, and the Londonderry School District currently retains an outstanding firm that has successfully served this district over the years. The school board is currently covered by the district's existing firm, meaning that a separate, distinct firm serving only the school board would result in additional costs. The most recent budget book shows the district spending \$76,885 on district legal fees and \$25,232 on special education legal fees. As the budget book was printed in November 2022 and the fiscal year ended in June 2023, can expect these numbers

have increased since printing. As a taxpayer, I'm not looking to increase our budget by another \$100,000 or more just to enable the school board to have their own lawyer. That is the very definition of superfluous. It is also not acting in the best interest of students or taxpayers.

Amy Finamore
Londonderry
Resident & Taxpayer

Banned Books

To the editor,

Over this past weekend there was a flurry of chatter on local social media pages regarding the supposed Banning of books. Several carefully curated and extracted excerpts from recent public meetings of the library trustees were used to try to frame the false narrative that people are seeking to ban books in Londonderry.

Specifically, Library Trustee Christine Fitzgerald and local citizen Maureen Hardy were highlighted for their efforts in ensuring that books in the public library that contain sexual content are categorized appropriately, and ensuring that taxpayer dollars are not being funneled to the American Library Association, whose most recent president is an avowed marxist.

Doesn't sound like burning books to me! So I'd like to raise some clarifying points.

I recently tried to donate a copy of the Croydon Budget Battle to the Leach Library. The book is regarding the battle over the School District budget that happened in Croydon NH in the last couple of years. The author is a locally

published author, NH resident, former NASA employee, and former Croydon NH Elected official. The book is nonfiction and covers a Hot Topic that is heavily debated during each Year's voting session.

The library did not follow its own written policy in accepting my donation. When I specifically requested that the book be added to circulation and not sold by the friends of the library, my donation got shoved aside in a box for several months until I inquired why both my donation and donated copies of the Tuttle Twins were not added to circulation.

Five out of 12 editions of the Tuttle Twins were recently added to library circulation, with the library director complaining that they cannot admit more than a few donated books at a time even when they have months to do it, squarely blaming the public for not voting to employ a new library employee at the voting session in March 2023. Interesting that Erin Matlin would blame the voters, even though the budget committee voted six out of seven against the proposal.

When I filed the 91a to try to find why my donation of the Croydon Budget Battle did not make it to circulation, I quickly found that the library and circulation directors, as well as other employees, had opted to take their conversation offline, so that it would not be reproducible in a government document under 91a. To this date, I have no explanation why my donation of a locally published author would not be accepted to be added

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Middle School Students Get Fit at Annual Wellness Day



The Londonderry Middle School held its annual Wellness Day recently with the entire student body participating in a number healthy activities throughout the day. The school also had speed-painting artist Rob Surette creating artwork in the gym to help kick-off the day. The new school mascot "Stormy" also made his debut during the event. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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School Board Approve Grant Funding Application For Adult Ed

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Sept. 25 School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to allowing the Adult Education program to apply for a grant for FY 2023-2024.

“With your permission, this application will be submitted to the State of NH Department of Adult Education for approval at the end of June,” Londonderry High School Assistant Principal, Crystal Rich, said.

Rich said “The budget process at the State level has changed significantly over the past year. We were awarded \$39,616.90 based on a new formula for the Adult Education Grant.

This is a decrease of \$5,627.26. The following is based on the amount we were awarded.”

As part of the grant proposal, \$4,700 would be used for technology, with \$3,500 going toward new laptops, new tech, and technology upgrades. A total of \$1,270 would be used for electronic information.

A total of \$26,400 would go towards instruction, with \$4,800 being allocated for a career/school counselor for 230 hours, \$21,600 going towards five adult education teachers, which will be 540 hours for 30 weeks.

Other funding would go towards instructional materials, with \$1,814.04 budgeted for books, note-

books, manuals, and texts, \$2,000 budgeted for supplies, \$1,800 budgeted for advertising/graphic arts, and \$2,832.86 budgeted for furniture and fixtures.

Rich said last year they were able to graduate 65 students as part of the adult education program and they are on pace for the same or greater enrollment this year.

The School Board approved moving forward with the grant application.

Also during the meeting, Director of Pupil Services, Kim Carpinone, gave the School Board an overview of the IDEA grant.

Carpinone said, “The

Londonderry School District has been notified by the Department of Education that our allocation of federal IDEA, Part B funds,”

Is \$1,107,509.93 for the school year.

She said it’s an increase of \$54,665 from FY 23.

“These funds will be used to cover school district employee salaries. This includes 11.6 profes-

sional FTEs (11.2 FTE special education teaching staff and a .4 counselor). The grant also includes 20 special education assistants,” Carpinone wrote in a memo.

Carpinone said, “The School District has been notified by the Department of Education that our allocation of federal IDEA Preschool funds is \$29,191.08. This is a \$3,618.15 increase from

FY 23.” She said the funds will be used to cover the cost of two assistants in the LEEP program.

In personnel news, the School Board accepted the retirement of Linda Couture, a Support Staff at the District Office, and the resignation of Emily Kus, a Dining Services employee at Londonderry High School.

Bank

continued from page 1 project, with 19 new trees and over 60 new shrubs.

Miron had brought the design before the Heritage Commission, where they asked to change the building façade from gray brick. The bank redesign will include red brick to better fit in with surrounding buildings.

Reaction from the board was positive.

“Very nice, I like the additional green space that will be there from what it is now,” stated alternate board member, Jason Knights. “I agree with everyone else, it’s a vast improvement.”

With no feedback from members of the public, the board unanimously voted to move the project forward.

Earlier in the meeting, the board opened with some overdue ad-

ministrative work, including a determination that a lot line adjustment proposal at 5 Kitty Hawk Landing and Mammoth Road did not meet the standards for a regional impact.

Nick Golin of TFMoran, Inc. was at the meeting to make the line adjustment request on behalf of the applicant. There were several issues with the initial application, although the Planning Board agreed to temporarily waive these problems to hear out the request.

“What you have before you is an industrial subdivision of three existing lots,” explained Golin. “These are part of a larger plane development that we hope to be bringing before the Planning Board very soon.”

Missing items from the original application came from Golin’s focus on the master plan, he

promised to have the issues fixed before moving on to the final development. The applicants had not yet decided how the construction would be accessed although they do not expect it to be from the Mammoth Road side.

This was a problem, as town regulations require applications to have a minimum line of sight for any access road. There was also some confusion as to the officially recognized borders of the property by the town due to a past subdivision.

“The expectation is that it be corrected and fixed before a final approval of the plan,” said Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron.

Golin promised the plan would be “updated accordingly.” The board voted to continue consideration on Nov. 8.

Letters

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has refused to answer my questions.

So who is really banning books in this Town? I’ll tell you-your library

is, especially if the works have a conservative lean. And it needs to stop.

Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry



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School Board Gets an Update on Moose Hill Renovations

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board opened its Oct. 3 meeting with an update on the cheerleading program, as the board aims to wrap up an ongoing investigation within the next week.

In a public statement, School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said “We truly appreciate everyone’s patience in this matter, as it has been a long process and trying time for everyone involved.”

Varsity cheerleading will remain suspended until at least Oct. 10,

when the board will make its final decision. It was not the answer some parents wanted to hear.

“What happens next? When will we be informed of the findings? How and when will the varsity cheer season resume?” Asked Will Coleman, whose daughter is on the varsity cheerleading squad. He worried that every student on the cheerleading squad was facing harassment before the investigation was complete.

The Moose Hill Building Committee was at

the meeting with a presentation on their preliminary plans for a new kindergarten building and site redesign at the elementary school.

“While we visited Moose Hill, we experienced significant overcrowding just by seeing the student’s desk situations,” said Committee Chair, Casey Dowgiert. “To say that the conditions in which the kids are learning there is good would be inaccurate.”

Dowgiert highlighted a need for separate special education classrooms for any recon-

struction of Moose Hill. The Committee went to Trident and different subcontractors for a cost analysis to improve the situation. They found that initial cost estimates from the company are accurate so far, and a one-phase approach would be the best way to move forward. The hope is to lock in a construction contract now, while the market is relatively stable. There was a concern that costs could rise dramatically if the project gets delayed.

The Committee also

aims to improve the flow of traffic around the school making it easier for parents to get in and out.

“So far as presenting this to the public, you should give the potential number of savings considering the vastness of the project,” advised board member, Tom Porter.

The Building Committee promised to get more accurate numbers over the next couple of months.

The School Board also had Dan Black and LaVallee Brensinger Architects for a second pre-

sentation on some of the technical aspects of the Moose Hill master plan.

“Moose Hill is obviously the biggest project in the next five years,” Black explained. “At this point, we’ve ticked off other things we’re supposed to tick off.”

He added that even if funding was approved in the upcoming budget, it would take at least two years to begin the first project in earnest. The next step is to look into a contingency master plan in case enrollment numbers are lower than expected.

School Board Hear Results of High School Summer Programs

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board was given an update on the results of Summer programs, during a recent meeting.

Director of Alternative Learning an Assistant Principle at LHS, Crystal Rich, said that the Summer academy went well this year.

“I’m happy to report that we had an amazing Summer in the Summer academy,” she said.

Rich explained that students who aren’t able to earn credits during the

school year are able to do credit recovery during the Summer. She added that this year they had 66 seats filled in a number of different courses.

“This helps to keep them on track for graduation,” Rich said.

She said while some districts have dropped it, she thinks it’s a good asset to have.

Rich told the school about 99% of the students in the Summer classes earned credits in the classes they took.

She also noted that they administered 20 HiSet exams during the

month of June and then they administered 33 exams in the month of July, which is the state of NH’s equivalent to a GED.

Rich said it’s also a great asset they have as well, which is a service to the community for those who haven’t been able to get their diploma before, for various reasons.

Assistant Superintendent, Jason Parent, also gave the final data points for the Londonderry Middle School Summer Academy and for the Elementary School Math Academy.

For the middle school math academy, 39 total students were in session one, and 18 students were in the second session.

For Summer school, which is when the middle school students can get credit recovery and remediation from the school year, 12 students in 6th and 7th grade were offered the chance. Out of the eight who attended, seven passed.

For 6th and 7th grade ELA, 12 students were offered the opportunity to attend. Out of the seven that attended, all

seven of them passed.

A total of 15 students were offered the opportunity to take the enrichment math course, which was accelerated pre algebra. Out of the 15 students offered the chance to take it, 10 attended, six got a B or better and nine students got a C or better.

For the elementary school math academy, a total of 203 students completed the academy across the district.

A total of 40 students attended the sessions at South School, 67 at Matthew Thornton attended, and 96 attended the sessions from North School.

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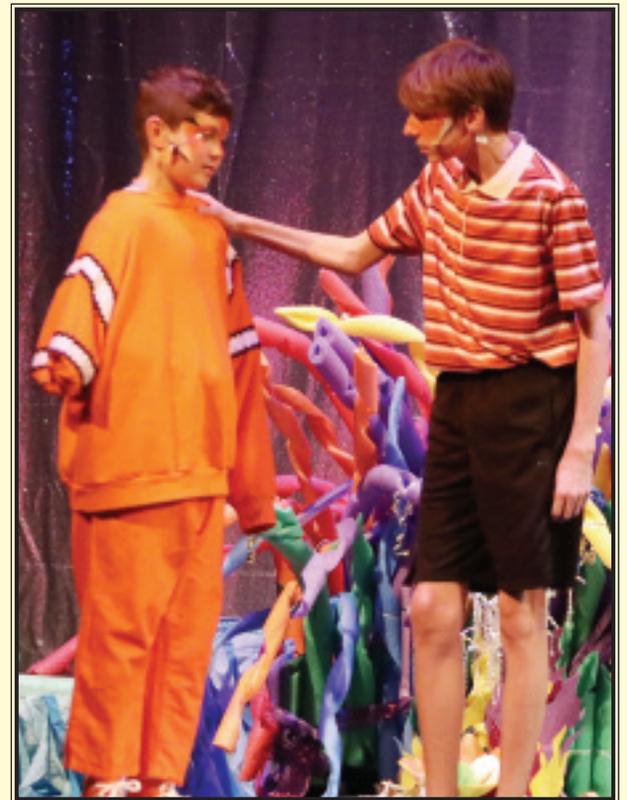
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OBITUARY

F. James "Jim" Jones



F. James "Jim" Jones, 80, of Londonderry, NH, died Monday Oct. 2, 2023 in the Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Dec. 5, 1942 in Warren, OH, a son of the late Francis J. & Florence (Craver) Jones. Jim proudly served his country in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was employed for Lennox Industries for 30 years, retiring as a District Manager. Jim was passionate about his love of trains, cars, & football. He was a devoted Patriots & Red Sox fan, as well as a diehard Londonderry Lancer fan. Jim was also one of the original founding members to bring high school football to Londonderry in the early 1980's.

He is survived by 2 sons, James A. Jones, & David T. Jones and his wife Elaine; 3 grandchildren, Samantha, Olivia, & Joshua; 2 step grandchildren, Amanda & John; 3 great grandchildren, Maylee, Mylah, & Mason; his brother, Gary Jones; his sister, Barbie Delgarbino; his companion, Susan Tsetsilas; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara J. (Watson) Jones in 2010, & his sisters, Joyce Jones and Kay Schultz.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m., in the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Londonderry Gridiron Club. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Volleyball Get Wins Over Tomahawks, Titans

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Volleyball squad was able to improve their season record up to 8-4 last week with a straight set victory, on the road, over the Merrimack Tomahawks followed by a five game back-and-forth battle with the Nashua North Titans in Londonderry.

On Wednesday night, Oct. 4, they had very little trouble getting by the Lady Tomahawks during their trip over the Merrimack River. The Lady Lancers swept that team 3-0 scoring 25-20 in the first, 25-23 in the second set, and finishing with a 25-18 victory.

Along with the victory, senior Ally McGonagle and the team were also able to celebrate

McGonagle getting her 750th kill.

Other highlights included Sarah DeFazio chalking up 23 assists and two kills.

Senior Libby Bono was able to notch five aces and four kills.

Two nights later, on Friday, Oct. 6, on their home court, the Lancers had to battle for just about every point to take a very close 3-2 vic-

tory over the Lady Titans.

The Nashua squad began the match with a very strong hand, leading for much of the first set, but Londonderry fought back from a 14-7 deficit to win 27-25.

The Lancers continued the momentum in the second set, leading by as much as 10-points for a 25-15 win.

The following two games went to the Titans, winning 25-23 and 25-18, but LHS bounced back in the final set winning 15-6.

Londonderry highlights include: Riley Campo getting eight kills, six aces, and three blocks. Sarah DeFazio served up 38 assists and hit five aces. Ally McGonagle helped the Londonderry cause by busting out 21 kills, 10 digs, and two blocks.

The Lancers will face two tough opponents this week. On Tuesday,



Gabby Pedrick (#5) and Ali McGonagle at the net against the Titans during their 3-2 win.

Boys' Soccer Squad Goes 1-1 in Games with Bears & Tomahawks

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team had two 4-1 outcomes last week, winning one of them and then dropping the second.

The Lancers were on the road for both of the team's games last week, traveling to Merrimack on Tuesday, Oct. 3, where they easily got by the Tomahawks 4-1, but then fell short at Hanover High School by the same score.

Londonderry had a 8-2 season record heading

into the Merrimack game and three unanswered goals in the second half boosted the team's victories to nine.

Each team had goals to start the game in the first half.

The Lancers were first to get on the board, when junior Zach Mantegari put one by the tender in the 13th minute, assisted by junior Brett McKinnon.

The Tomahawks only goal came at 14:30 on a penalty kick.

In the second half, McKinnon was assisted by Aidan White, at 50:38, to take a 2-1 lead.

At 59:30, Mantegari got his second goal of the game and made it 3-1 with the assist going to senior Tim Desmarais.

McKinnon added to the lead in the 70th minute, with his second of the day, assisted by junior Gavin Stone.

Junior LHS keeper, Noah Celio, had just one shot taken at him. Merrimack made three saves on the seven shots taken.

LHS' head coach had concerns in the first half, he said, "It took us a bit to adjust to the field. In the second half

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Oct. 10, they played at home against Concord (10-3). On Wednesday, Oct. 11, the team travels to Goffstown (10-2) and on Friday night they play Timberlane (1-13) in Plaistow.

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Lancers Defense Keeps Titans in Check for 31-7 Win

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a slow first half start for the offense in Nashua on Friday night, the Londonderry High School Football was able to chalk up four touchdowns in the second half last week for the Lancers

fifth win of the season. Coming off two close outcomes in the past two weeks, the Lancers was able to put up 31-points against Nashua North and allow just one touchdown to easily move past the 3-2 NNHS squad for a 31-7 victory. After having to settle

for a field goal made by junior kicker Blake Thompson in Londonderry's second drive of the game, the Nashua defense kept the Lancers in check for the remainder of the half, leaving the team's defense to keep them in the game.

quarter, junior QB, Alex Villa completed a pass to junior Mason Paquette for a 25-yard gain into the endzone. Blake Thompson followed that up with a three-yard carry for a two-point conversion, giving LHS a 17-7 lead.

Londonderry was able to get two more running TD's in the final to solidify the win.

First, at 4:24, Villa handed off to junior running back Damon Dawson for a six-yard carry and three-yard gain into the endzone.

Two minutes later, senior quarterback, Conor Williams, ran the ball in from the 16-yard line for the team's final touchdown.

Thompson had success in his final two point-after attempts for the 31-7 finish.

The Londonderry



Ty Parsons had the eight sacks in Nashua.

Ogden, with 87-yards rushing in seven attempts.

Paquette had 43 receiving yards, to lead the Lancers in receptions. Senior Jake Schena finished with 39-yards on two receptions.

The defense had 36 sacks in the game with senior Ty Parsons leading the team by tallying eight solo sacks. Brutus finished with five sacks. There were a total of 15 LHS players with sacks in the game.

The 5-1 Lancers will now head home, after three consecutive road games, for a Friday night, Oct. 13, game against the Exeter Blue Hawks, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Exeter had had also beat Nashua North 31-7 earlier in the season and have a 4-1 conference record.



Cam Brutus had 87-yards rushing and five sacks against the Toyans Friday night. Photos by Chris Paul

Things were far different in the second half, with Londonderry scoring on the ground three times and through the air on another.

In the third quarter, the Titans took a 7-3 lead on an interception at the 32-yard line that led to the teams only seven-points of the game.

The Lancers first touchdown came at 3:21 in the third, when junior quarterback Sam Ogden handed off to running back Carson Palma for a five-yard gain into the endzone. Thompson's first attempt at the extra point is missed for a 9-7 Lancer lead.

Touchdown number two came with just three-seconds left in the

Boys Soccer

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we started to figure it out, and I think wore them down a bit."

Three days later, after a long ride to the Vermont border, at Hanover, Londonderry fell to 9-3 after suffering a tough 4-1 loss to the Bears.

The Lancers were behind 2-0 after the first

and trailed by three before senior Connor Jackson was able to score in the 75th minute. This was Jackson's first varsity goal, scoring on a rebound from fellow senior Jake Nussdorf's shot on net.

Londonderry keeper, senior Jason Reilly, had six saves in the game, while Hanover's keeper

made two.

The loss gave Hanover their 11th win of the season and put Londonderry at 9-3.

The Lancers are scheduled to play Bishop Guertin (2-8-2) at home on Monday, Oct. 9, followed by a game against the Winnacunnet Warriors (7-3-2) on Thursday, Oct. 12, in Londonderry at 6 p.m.

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Londonderry Field Hockey Head Into Final Week at 7-8

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Field Hockey team suffered two losses last week and now head into

the final week of the regular season just below the .500 mark, at 7-8.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Lancers started their week on the road against one of the divi-

sion's stronger teams, the Exeter High School Blue Hawks, who were sitting at 8-4 going into the game.

The Londonderry played a strong game, keeping pace with Exeter, but wound up falling 3-2 to the Blue Hawks.

Exeter got on the board first, going up 1-0 in period one at the 10:43 mark on a corner shot.

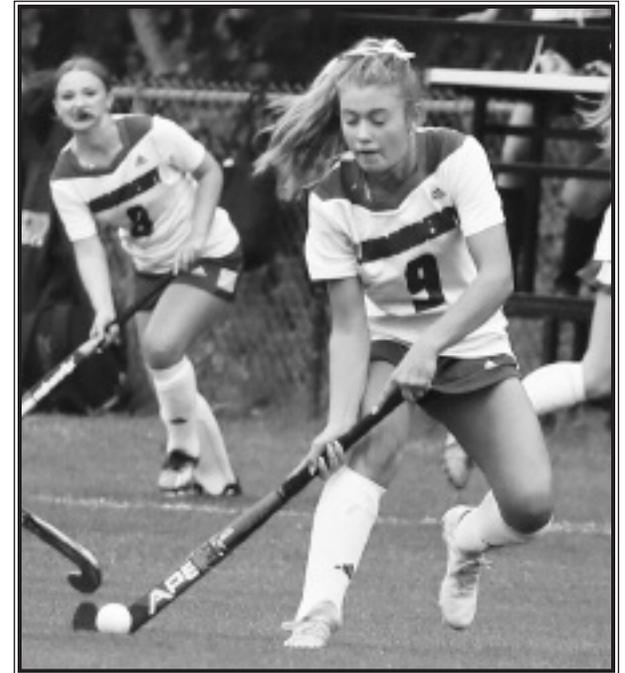
At 2:56 in the first, Lancers sophomore Alison Chambers tied the

contest with a goal scored off a deflection by the Hawks goalie.

A minute into the second period, Exeter took a 2-1 lead on a long shot from about 15-yards out.

The Blue Hawks followed that goal up with another, right in front of the goal, at 11:36 in the period.

Londonderry had a chance to get one back with a penalty shot at 8:30 in the final period, but the Exeter tender managed to stop the



Junior, Keira Strike scored the second goal with an assist from senior April Edmunds.

shot by senior Taylor McKinnon.

The final goal of the game came from junior Keira Strike from right in front of the net on a pass from senior April Edmunds.

Sophomore goalie, Abigail Cook, had 10 saves in the 3-2 loss. The Exeter tender needed to make saves to help preserve the win.

On Friday, Oct. 6, at home, the LHS squad

suffered its eighth loss of the season, being shut out 3-0 by the Keene Blackbirds who finished the week at 7-5-1.

The Lancers are scheduled to play their final game of the regular season on Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the state capital against Concord High School. The Crimson Tide started the week at 8-5 and sit in fifth place in the division.



Sophomore Allison Chambers scored the first Lancers goal against Exeter. Photos by Chris Paul

OBITUARY

Frederick Scott Butler,



Frederick Scott Butler, 77, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at The Birches at Concord. Fred, as he was known to most, & "Butlah!" to a select few, was born on Nov. 3, 1945, in Boston, MA, the son of the late Frederick and Augusta (Pitingolo) Butler. He had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 48 years. Raised in Cambridge, MA, Fred attended Rindge Technical High School for 3 years before graduating from Watertown High School in 1963. He completed his education at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, where he earned a degree in Marine Engineering in 1967, & was a proud alumnus and supporter of his alma mater.

Once he'd gotten his paper & was free, Fred traded the land-locked life to sail with the Merchant Marine, perhaps influenced by popular depictions of merchant seamen, including the slightly less handsome Humphrey Bogart ("Action in the North Atlantic") & the similarly muscled Popeye ("Popeye the Sailor"). He shipped out for years & found himself in dozens of exotic ports around the world, eventually coming home to his beautiful wife to raise their 2 children.

He never lost touch with the ocean, working for Boston Towboats for more than a decade. After his children were in their school years, Fred said what the merchant seaman in the famous recruiting poster says: "You bet I'm going back to sea!" He continued to sail the globe, engaging in occasional (mis)adventures involving salty air, salty tales, salty characters, & salty potato chips. Never one to "knock it until he tried it," Fred eventually retired just in time to begin his next adventure as a grandfather.

While living on dry land, Fred could be found basking in the sun in Cape Cod, Hampton, & countless other beaches. An avid flea marketer of some local renown, Fred's collection of various book- & tool-related paraphernalia was as unique & fascinating as he was. He routinely led family hiking expeditions up Mount Monadnock & enjoyed countless miles-long walking or bicycling adventures, always ending conveniently at a place that celebrated Happy Hour. Once the sun set, Fred was happiest with his wife at his side, Irish music wailing, & a cold pint in his hand.

Fred had an exceptional ability to forge connections with people from all walks of life, & a knack for making friends wherever he went. His warm smile, twinkling eyes, kind heart, & hearty laugh left an enduring impression on everyone he encountered. He also bonded easily with cats, dogs, donkeys, & snapping turtles, & his adventurous spirit even extended to inadvertently inviting chipmunks to run up his dungarees.

Later in life, Fred became affectionately known as "Fuddy" to his grandsons. He shared with them the boyhood charms of pocketknives & fishing rods, introduced them to the wonders of his well-stocked workshop, & gifted them with copies of his favorite books by Mark Twain. His devotion to his family was a thing of beauty, & his love for them knew no bounds.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Janice (Cloran) Butler of Londonderry; daughter, Lani Voivod & her husband, Allen, of Gilford, NH; son, Frederick Butler & his wife, Kathleen, of Gilford, NH; grandsons, Joseph, Declan, Liam, & Finnegan; & sister, Jane Butler of Ayer, MA. He is also survived by a close-knit extended family & lifelong friends who will deeply miss his presence in their lives.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Oct. 9, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Oct. 10, in St. Jude Parish. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Fred to support cancer research & patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

CASE NO. 07/19/2023-4: Re-hearing for a variance from 4.1.2 (Table of Uses) to allow a child care facility in the Commercial I zoning district, 25 Orchard View Dr., Map 7, Lot 38-1, Brilor Corporation, owner and applicant.

CASE NO. 10/18/2023-1: Request for a variance from 4.2.1.3.C.4 to permit encroachment into the forty (40) foot front setback for the construction of an above ground pool. The parcel is located at 29 West Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 2, Lot 38-1. Christopher & Stephanie Kania (Owner & Applicant).

CASE NO. 10/18/2023-2: Request for a variance from 4.2.1.3.C.1 and 4.2.1.3.C.2 to permit an encroachment into the forty (40) foot front setback and fifteen (15) foot side setback for the construction of an addition. The parcel is located at 41 Noyes Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 15, Lot 41. Stacy & Brian Meskell (Owners) and Arthur Carbone (Applicant).

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LHS Girls' Soccer Team Tie Tomahawks, Lose to Bears



Junior captain Audrey Hughes battles a Hanover Defender last week. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Soccer team was only able to score once during their two-game home stand and settled for a tie and a loss.

The Lancers were on their home turf for both of the team's games last week, playing the Merrimack Tomahawks on Tuesday, Oct. 3, then facing a very tough Hanover Bears squad on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Against Merrimack, the LHS girls' took a 1-0 lead into the second half, but wound up playing two overtime periods and settling for a 1-1 tie.

Junior goaltender, Reagan Delude, kept her

team in the game, making six first half saves and another four in the second.

Junior Audrey Hughes had the Lancers only goal, scoring in the 11th minute of the first half, Hughes got in front of the Tomahawk defense and put a long pass from junior Reagan Anderson into the net.

Two days later, against the Hanover High School Bears, the Lancers were kept in the game by Delude in goal and a strong defense, but the offense just couldn't penetrate the Bears backfield resulting in a 2-0 loss.

Hanover's first goal came at 24:56 in the first half, behind nine saves by Delude in the open-



junior Reagan Anderson tries to get by a Hanover player.

ing period.

Delude added seven saves in the second half, for 16 total saves.

The now 4-8-1 Lancers are scheduled to

play just one game this week. They travel to the seacoast for a game against the Winnacunnet Warriors (6-4-1) on Thursday, Oct. 12.

Cross Country Team Competes in Annual Border Battle

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Cross Country teams competed in the annual Battle of the Border,

hosted by Alvirne High School in Hudson, on Saturday, Oct. 7, where the Lancer boys came in at 12th out of 24 teams. Sophomore Carson Fitzgerald was the top

LHS finisher, at 28th overall, with a time of 17:01.6 in a field of 172 runners.

Fellow sophomores, Josh Twomey and Jack DiBuono, came in at 52

and 63, respectively, with times of 17:33.5 and 17:46.2.

Senior Will Buckley had a time of 18:11.1 to finish in 75th and senior Aiden Oljey was 81st at 18:17.7.

Junior Alex Vaccaro finished at 19:03.9.

Head coach, Matt Smith, didn't see a lot of progress in the team last week, saying, "Overall, it

was another solid performance for us in some tricky conditions. Lots of rain and mud made for some tough conditions on the course. Ideally, we would have liked to finish in the top ten, but we were still the tenth NH team in a race that featured the entire top ten in the statewide rankings. While we didn't see any personal

records this week, it was a good reminder for the team that progress in distance running is rarely linear."

The Londonderry team will compete in their last invitational this weekend, and run in a dual with Nashua South High School before heading into the Division I Championship meets to end the season.

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Historic Gravestones

On Tuesday Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Leach Library, historian Glenn Knoblock will present Granite Women; The Hidden Lives of NH Women as seen in the Cemetery, 1674-1992. The program will explore the rich variety of gravestones found in cemeteries all across our state and the forgotten aspects of our history that are hidden there. This is a Humanities To Go program, funded by a grant from NH Humanities. For more information, visit www.londonderryhistory.org or find them on Facebook, www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety/.

Holiday Craft Fair and Cookie Walk

On Saturday, Nov. 4, From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Many

local craftsmen and artisans will participate in a Holiday Craft Fair and Cookie Walk at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd. Items include jewelry, homemade wood crafts, designer lotions and soaps, photography, artwork, crocheted and knitted items, and plenty more. Over 22 baskets filled with items and gift cards will be raffled. Please stop by the center and take a chance on these beautiful baskets donated by our members and local businesses. This year we are having Santa Claus from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. giving out small gifts to all the children and accepting their wish lists. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc., (LSCI), a 501(c) 3 organization. Fair proceeds go

toward purchasing materials and equipment for the Senior Center. For details please call the center at 603-432-8554 and ask for Bonnie.

Broomstick Pilot

This Halloween, local youngsters can join in the airborne black magic by getting an official Broomstick Pilot License from the Aviation Museum. Broomstick Pilot Licenses will be issued on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Way, Londonderry. Kids aged 12 and under may obtain a license for free by visiting the museum. Admission charges apply for visitors 13 and above. The Aviation Museum of N.H., located at 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry. For more information about the Aviation

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

Karaoke

On Oct. 13, Karaoke with DJ Sharon will run from 7:30 - 11 p.m., by American Legion Post 27 at 6 Sargent Rd behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend as well

Crossroads Co-Parenting

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry will be hosting Crossroads Co-Parenting courses, for parents and caregivers who are raising children together on Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. For more information about our parenting programs, support groups, and classes or any questions about raising your children, call 603-437-8477 x 110 to register.

Free Meals

Free Community Meals being served in September are as follows: Dinner TO Go on Oct. 15 from 3 - 4 p.m., indoors at Etz Hayim Synagogue; Lunch on Oct.

21 from noon - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church; Dinner To Go on Oct. 27 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., at First Parish Congregational Church; Breakfast on Oct. 28 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Pick up at Mercurio Family, Masonic Lodge; Lunch on Oct. 29 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Indoors at St. Jude Parish Community.

Fall Craft Fair

A craft fair will take place at Connect 55 on Oct. 14, from noon - 4 p.m., located at 2 Golen Dr., Londonderry, behind All American Assisted living in Londonderry. Hand made goods, lots of eats and pastries, raffles. All proceeds go to 2 local charities; The Sunshine Soup Kitchen and Community Caregivers of Greater Derry. This is a cash only event.

Lions Hall Listening Session

The Town of Londonderry is exploring options for the renovation and re-opening of the town-owned building at 256 Mammoth Road, familiarly called the Lions Hall after its most recent tenant. Town administrative staff will be holding a public listening session on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 from 10

a.m. - noon, in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd. All town residents are welcome to attend, ask questions, and share their input. For those unable to attend, we will provide a digital submission form in advance of the meeting. Town staff are currently in the research and development stages of the Lions Hall project. For questions or further information, please reach out to Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen at 603-432-1100 x153 or khildonen@londonderryrh.org

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.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Oct. 25 & 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

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Oct. 2

10:56 a.m. Two officers assist Windham Police with an arrest at Bauchman's Towing on Enterprise Drive. Jorge Reyes, 27, of Lowell, MA., charged with: Disobeying an Officer; Manufacture/Possession of a False Government ID; and giving a False Report to Law Enforcement.

11:15 a.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Structure Fire on Red Deer Road.

Tuesday - Oct. 3

8:31 a.m. Services rendered for a Shooting Complaint at Power Lines on Wiley Hill Road.

8:36 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by three officers on Nevins Drive.

10:07 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Londonderry North School on Sanborn Road.

12:01 p.m. Assault investigated on Industrial Drive.

1:07 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Michels Way.

1:33 p.m. Assault investigated at Route 102 Gas on Nashua Road.

3:39 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Adams Road.

7:21 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Wyandot Circle.

Wednesday - Oct. 4

12:27 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Manchester Police Department. Gene Gregory, 36, of Manchester, charged with: Criminal Trespass; and Arrested on a

Warrant.

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

10:32 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Pine Street.

3:19 p.m. Three officers investigating a disabled motor vehicle on Raymond Wieczorek Drive, at Pettengill Road, leads to an arrest. Rily McNeely, 30, of Springfield, MO, arrested on a Warrant.

4:44 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:36 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Concord Street, Manchester. Holly Crawford, 39, of Manchester, charged with: Robbery - Weapon or Serious Bodily Injury; First Degree Assault - Serious Bodily Injury; and second Degree Assault - Strangulation.

7:37 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Lamson Street in Keene. Brittany Greathead, 37, Keene, charged with two counts of having Possession of Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

Thursday - Oct. 5

3:25 a.m. Four officers respond to Suspicious Activity on Whittemore Road.

1:48 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:20 p.m. Three officers respond to an Overdose on Hardy Road and provide transport to a hos-

pital.

10:49 p.m. Services rendered on Wallace Circle at King Phillip Drive for Suspicious Activity.

Friday - Oct. 6

1:07 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Bank of New England on Action Boulevard.

3:36 p.m. Warning Issued for Criminal Threatening on Perkins Road.

7:43 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Extreme Craze on Orchard View Drive.

7:53 p.m. Pedestrian Check investigated at Derry Plaza on Nashua Road.

9:05 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated by four officers on Quincy Road.

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

Saturday - Oct. 7

1:09 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Pettengill Road between Delta and Ray Wieczorek Drive.

3:03 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive. Nathan Dion, 19, of Litchfield, charged with: Possession/Use Tobacco Product By Minor; and Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

5:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

5:28 p.m. Three officers investigate the Violation of a Protective Order at

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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.

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 is open. For more information and to register, visit the Derry Public Library's calendar at www.derrypl.org or call either library, Derry Public Library at (603) 432-6140 or Leach Library at (603) 432-1132.

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.

Police Log

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Londonderry High School and make an arrest. Robert Mentus, 39, of Danville, charged with two counts of Stalking (Domestic Violence).

6:47 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

10:57 p.m. Pedestrian

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.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. through Oct. 17, the Leach Library will offer a story time program for babies 0-18 months old. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littles 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 event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. through Oct. 17, 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 event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Dragoneers Club

Calling all teen and tween adventurers! Join the Dragoneers Club for a stand-alone quest on Monday, Oct. 23 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the

Check performed by four officers at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road results in subject taken to Family/Guardian/Other.

Sunday - Oct. 8

7:32 a.m. Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Home-grown Barber Company on Orchard View Drive.

4:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by

Leach Library Meeting Room. All experience levels welcome! Registration is required. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Mystery Dinner

On Friday, Oct. 13 from 6 - 8:30 p.m., teens are invited to a special after-hours program at the Leach Library. Teens age 13-18 will enjoy a night of intrigue during this murder mystery dinner party in the main reading room. The game will include materials from the game *Factions: A Murder Mystery* by My Mystery Party. The program includes dinner and refreshments. Please let the library know if you have any food allergies at the time of registration. All participants are encouraged to dress up in costume or formal wear for the evening. Roles will be assigned upon arrival. Registration is required. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Bookworms Story Time

On Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. through Oct. 18, the Leach Library will offer story time for preschoolers ages 3-5 years old. Bookworms will focus on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games. The program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Solar Eclipse Live Stream Viewing

The Leach Library will host a live stream viewing of the annular solar eclipse in the library's meeting room

three officers on Beacon Street.

6:07 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by five officers at the US Post Office on Nashua Road.

7:22 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road. Three officers assist in arresting Amanda Russo, 35, of Belmont on a Warrant.

from noon - 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14. Patrons may drop in any time during the program to watch coverage of the eclipse. During the program, a variety of activities and crafts will be available to complete at the library or take home. Attendees will receive a free pair of solar eclipse glasses while supplies last. Registration is not required for this program.

Craft Time

On Monday, Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m., kid crafters are invited to the Leach Library to create tissue paper apples in the meeting room. Crafts will be provided, and staff will be available to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Oct. 10. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Potions Class

Teens and tweens are invited to a Harry Potter-inspired potion bottle sensory craft on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Participants will use an assortment of potion-themed supplies to create sensory bottles to take home. Registration is required. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Cupcake Decorating

Celebrate fall by decorating a special cupcake on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m. at Leach Library! Cupcakes, frosting, and candy will be provided, and children are invited to create a fun cupcake. Please let us know if anyone in your group has allergies at the time of registration. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Oct. 11. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

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 ghostly multi-media program will take you on a journey through the haunts in your backyard and around the world. 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 Londonderry 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 is open. 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.

Tinker Time

Join Leach Library staff on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. for Tinker Time. A variety of toys and games from the Library of Things collection will be provided for children to try. Registration is recommended and begins on Saturday, Oct. 14. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Mystery Lovers Book Discussion

Do you love mystery? Then this is the book discussion for you! Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Oct. 23 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss Jesse Q. Sutanto's cozy mystery *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers*. Refreshments will be served. Registration is open. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

Block by Block Coding Club

On Wednesday, Oct. 25 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. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Oct. 18. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Space Rangers

Get ready to blast off into a new adventure on

Thursday, Oct. 19 from 4 - 5 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. During this one-hour space-themed program, students ages 9-14 will explore different space science topics through hands-on activities and games. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Oct. 12. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Jack O'Lantern Jam-boree

The Leach Library will be hosting its annual Halloween celebrations on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. We'll begin with a costume parade around the library and then head downstairs for a story and song. Halloween bags will be handed out at the end of the program. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

On Friday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m., Leach Library will host an after-hours movie night in the main reading room! Meet the ghost with the most in the 1988 Halloween favorite directed by Tim Burton (rated PG). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Oct. 20. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Puzzle Exchange

Start saving your puzzles! The Leach Library Puzzle Exchange is coming back in October. From Monday, Oct. 23 - 28, drop off your jigsaw puzzle donations at the main desk during library operating hours. The library will accept gently-used jigsaw puzzles for any age with any size, shape, and piece count. In exchange, the library staff will provide a voucher indicating how many puzzles you contributed. On Monday, Oct. 30, return to the library with your voucher from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. to select your new puzzles! For further information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.



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