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## Spooky Scenes

Londonderry Drama Club members Isabella Serrano and Jade Lapham play out a scary scene during the group's annual Haunted Woods fund raiser last week. Monies raised go toward the schools play. See more photos on page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Utilities Committee Get Additional Details on Community Aggregation

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Community energy aggregation was once again on the agenda at the Utilities Committee meeting on Oct. 3. Freedom Energy and the Colonial Power Group are still spearheading the aggregation proposal. Familiar faces, Bart Fromuth, of Freedom Energy Logistics

and, Stuart Ormsbee, of Colonial Power Group were present to get a more detailed update after their last presentation at the August Utilities meeting. Both men have been looking to implement aggregation plans in NH for the past three years.

"You are working with both companies and you have our resources at

your disposal," outlined Fromuth. "We'll be helping out a public education, Stuart and I will be going on your Londonderry television and helping to educate people on what they can expect in terms of the program and their rights under the program."

The energy subcommittee recently went

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## School Board Give Okay For Varsity Cheer Team to Resume

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The High School Varsity Cheerleading program was back on the field cheering on the football team on Friday, Oct. 13, after the squad was placed on suspension in the beginning of September.

The announcement came via a public statement released by the school district on Thursday, Oct. 12.

It read: "On Oct. 10, 2023, during a lengthy non-public meeting with the Londonderry School board, an independent investigator presented the official findings of their investigation into

allegations of discrimination, harassment, and bullying on the Varsity Cheerleading Team," the statement stated.

The statement went on to state: "While the majority of student-athletes were cleared of any wrongdoing, unfortunately, some instances of bullying and discrimination were substantiated within the program. Because the investigation found those instances did not permeate the whole team, the School Board is reinstating the Varsity cheerleading program once the administration has informed all parties of the findings and created restorative

action plans setting up the expectations for the team and the Lancer Cheerleading Booster Club moving forward."

Questions emailed to Superintendent, Dan Black, about the timeline for when the team will be able to begin participating and to clarify what restorative action plans entail went unreturned at the time of publication.

"The well-being and emotional support of the cheerleaders remain our top priority as they officially return to practice and competition," the district's statement reads.

For several weeks, parents and others have

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## School Parking Lots Could Get Solar Panels Under New Plan

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee met on Oct. 3 to discuss the ongoing activities of their subcommittees. Not only has the energy subcommittee been active with the recent aggregation plan, but they were ready to move on to a new project with a proposal to install solar panels.

"I was approached by Bob Slater of the School Board about working with the school system to put a solar array over the parking lots at various schools," Chairman, Lynn Wiles, explained.

"That's something I think would be a great partnership, there's not a lot of partnerships between the school side and the town side."

Parking lot solar arrays are built over the parking area and are especially common in California, although they have also been growing in popularity in New England over the past few years. Members of the Utilities Committee were generally in favor of the plan, agreeing to look deeper into the proposal to analyze any possible downsides.

The water subcommittee wanted to look

into educating members of the public on topics related to water in town. Alternate Member, Ray Breslin, wanted to know what the committee was doing to keep the public informed on their activities.

"Do we have a Facebook page, or what do we have at this point as

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# Eversource Proposes New Transmission Pole Replacement Project

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on Sept. 26 to discuss the ongoing construction of new electrical poles by Eversource Energy around Willy Hill, Elwood Rd., and Dan Hill Rd. Familiar face, Conor Madison, of GZA GeoEnvironmental was back before the Commission to give an update with Eversource's Permitting Specialist Travis Yandow.

"For this project in Londonderry, it is 11

structures we're proposing to replace," said Madison. "Those 11 transmission utility poles are wood, we inspect the line every year for rot, woodpecker holes, and cracks. This year, 11 did get flagged for replacement into steel. This project is in similar scope to what we've seen in the past, it's a replacement, we're not increasing any lines or expanding the right of way, we're not cutting any trees."

The replacement project will include replac-

ing four additional transmission poles in Hudson. There are several other permits Eversource will need at the state and federal level before they can begin replacement. Construction of these transmission poles will be a separate undertaking from the recent reconstruction of transmission lines near Route 102.

The Conservation Commission was mainly concerned about the wetland impact of the project and this was an

issue in the past with similar transmission pole replacement proposals.

Eversource identified several rare plants in the proposed construction area following a land survey last summer.

"We plan to start this project in the non-growing season, so Oct. 15 to March 31 to protect the plant life," promised Madison. Additionally, Winter work also minimizes the impact on local animal life. "We will be abiding by the 2019 best practice manual,

which includes timber mats for temporary wetland impacts and silt fence erosion controls."

Commission members wanted to know what oversight would be in place to ensure the effectiveness of Eversource's environmental mitigation efforts.

"Will there be any ecologists looking out for plants and animals during each work day?" asked Alternate Commission member, Mike Speltz.

Madison admitted that they wouldn't have a full-time ecologist to monitor the project and the NH regulations don't require one during the Winter, although the workers will be trained to watch out for endangered animals. He promised there would be a detailed restoration of the land after completion, although there have been con-

cerns over how effective restoration has been with past pole replacement.

"Is there anything you can do to dissuade offroad vehicles?" asked Commission Chair, Marge Badois. ATV vehicles have trespassed on temporary access roads for past Eversource projects, especially on Conservation land.

The plan is to limit this by gating off every access point, and following a request by the Conservation Commission, Eversource will look into blocking access after completion.

A conditional use permit to move forward with pole replacement was unanimously approved.

The Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

## Cheer

Continued from page 1 expressed their disappointment in the decision to suspend the team pending the investigation, including a number of parents who spoke during public comment at the previous public School Board meeting.

In a statement the district wrote, "We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of families during the investigation, and we deeply regret that any student and their family has experienced distress due to these incidents. In accordance with Londonderry High School's policies and our code of con-



Lancer Cheerleaders were happy to be back on the field on Friday night. Photo by Chris Paul

duct, appropriate and proportional disciplinary consequences were administered, focusing on the team's future. Administration will continue to closely monitor the team's dynamics and provide additional staffing to support the team

as the season resumes."

Although originally both teams were suspended in September, the junior varsity team was able to resume participating following the Sept. 25 School Board meeting.

"We have received an

update on the status of the investigation and are pleased to inform you that the JV Cheerleading program is reinstated effective immediately," School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said during the Sept. 25 meeting.

Due to the "difficult situation for all," the district in its statement asked for the community and press to "respect the privacy of everyone involved so we can focus on healing, resuming the season, and moving forward together."

"The Londonderry School District remains committed to working closely with our students, parents, coaches, and staff to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all of our athletic programs," the statement reads.

The new head coach for the varsity program, Michelle Sharp, expressed that she plans on trying to get the team ready for the state competition coming up in November.

## OBITUARY

### Marguerite Foley Ganem



Marguerite Foley Ganem, a loving mother and proud grandmother, died surrounded by her family on Oct. 14, 2023. She was born on Sept. 29, 1941 in Lawrence, MA to Cornelius and Marie Remmes Foley. In 1965, she obtained her Bachelor of Science from Mount Saint Vincent College in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1986, she earned her Master in Education from Lesley College. In 2001, after teaching Science for 32 years, she retired from the Methuen Public School District - just in time to help watch her grandchildren! In addition to spending time with her family, she enjoyed reading with a hot cup of tea, tole painting, spending her summers at Lake Winnepesaukee, and winters in Florida.

Marg was predeceased by her doting husband, Donald Joseph Ganem. She is mourned by her children, Jennifer Anne and Neil Joseph Ganem, as well as their spouses, David Plaza and Amity Manning, and her seven grandchildren - Adrienne Lafond, Luc Lafond, Megan Plaza, and Caelan, Evan, Declan, and Lowen Ganem. She is survived by her sisters, Cornelia Foley Dubois and Eileen Foley Bennis, as well as several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, read a good book in Marg's memory. The family will have a Celebration of Life in the Spring.

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# School District Business Administrator Announces Retirement

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After working for the school district for more than two decades, Londonderry School District Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, recently announced that this would be her last year with the district following the School Board approving her impending retirement during the Oct. 3 board meeting.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said she has “truly supported the Londonderry school

district for the last 22 years in every possible way,” and he is sad she will be retiring.

“Lisa is a great example of someone who cares deeply about Londonderry and wants to see the community, the school system and all the employees of the school district who put in tireless hours succeed,” Black said.

Black explained that she began her career in 2002 as an instructional assistant at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, and quickly moved up to

the district office where she worked as a federal funds bookkeeper beginning in 2005.

“While raising her young family she also completed her degree and continued her educational background in finance to assume the role as our finance manager in 2009,” Black said.

According to Black, McKenney’s expertise and dedication to the role made her a major contributor to the district’s “many years of clean audits and sound fiscal approaches from

the business office.”

Black explained that two years ago, “Lisa was gracious enough to assume the responsibilities as business administrator when she saw the community and school system she deeply cares about in dire need of her talents and expertises perform their basic business functions.”

McKenney took over following the retirement of longtime Business Administrator, Peter Curro, who retired at the end of the 2022 school year.

He said because of

her desire to help, McKenney agreed to take the role, and was able to quickly learn about different departments like buildings and grounds, food services, and transportation.

Black said she is also deeply respected by the School Board, Budget Committee, auditors, and district administrators.

“She’s a calm voice of reason and a wealth of institutional knowledge for our school district and community,” Black said.

Following comments

by Black, School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said, “I can’t thank you enough, getting to work with you over the last seven years or so. The professionalism and what you’ve done for this district nobody sees the light of it and for you to step up like you did, it was a big step for you to take over when Mr. Curro retired.”

Slater said she has done an outstanding job for the school district.

“I truly hope you get the time you deserve with your family,” Slater said.

## Solar Plan

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far as getting the word out to the general public?” asked Breslin. “Getting the word out is really important.”

Breslin added that there is “a lot going on” with water in Londonderry, singling out the St. Gobain, PFAS lawsuit

as an example. The Committee has a Facebook page, although members are still working to establish a system of regular updates.

“Nobody has sent me an email saying ‘Hey Jeff, put this up,’” said Jeff McGraw, who is in charge of keeping that page updated. “Let’s get some content on there!”

Every subcommittee promised to have a plan ready for the Facebook page by the next meeting.

Utilities hopes to expand the water main on High Range Road from the current 8-inch line to a 12 or 16-inch line. Wiles announced he has been in discussion with the Town Manager to explore the pos-

sibility of getting grant money from the state to help with that project. It was unclear how the St. Gobain settlement might affect grant prospects.

The Solid Waste Committee was recently dissolved by the town council, as it only had three members. Solid Waste functions will be partially taken over by

the Utilities Committee moving forward.

For the Internet and cable subcommittee, Wiles announced that the Southern NH Planning Commission is forming a “steering group” to expand Internet access into underserved rural areas.

Ron Dunn, State Rep. Liaison, announced that

the NH Department of Environmental Service will be holding a presentation at an undetermined future date. According to Dunn, the DES property has preliminary slides ready and will hold two or three public meetings regarding the St. Gobain consent decree.

## Utilities

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through with the initial plan, enter they had some concerns. One such concern involved having the names of two different supplier companies involved. The Utilities Committee wanted to know who would be responsible for service in case of a dispute.

“Both companies are named here in the second paragraph of the introduction of the agreement, but who is responsible for what?” asked Utilities Chairman, Lynn Wiles. We also have a

contract with FEL [Freedom Energy Logistics].”

Fromuth clarified that Freedom Energy would be the primary supplier while subcontracting some services to Colonial, and he offered to modify the agreement to address this issue. While the town already has a contract, the aggregation plan will need to be pre-

sented to the state separately for regulatory approval.

Committee members also wanted more concrete numbers indicating what percentage of Londonderry currently uses independent energy suppliers. As written, the aggregation plan is designed to replace the ongoing contract with

Eversource, but it was unclear what the town or Freedom Energy would do if a third-party provider had better rates.

“I think we need to be cognizant that we have a program the whole town is going to be looking at,” said Alternate Member, John Mahon. “We don’t want to have a program where people are saying this isn’t any good.”

Any supplier choos-

ing to participate in the program will be required to maintain a contract rate regardless of market fluctuations. Ormsbee and Fromuth expect the vast majority of Londonderry residents to participate. Ideally, the more customers in the plan, the better the rates should be for everyone.

Residents looking to opt out of the program will have notice before the program is put into effect. Committee mem-

bers asked to weigh in on the language of opt-out notices before they were sent out.

They hope to send the notices out by the second quarter of 2024 and to get an updated aggregation plan with the request that changes by the end of the week. Two outreach meetings are planned before the program goes into effect, and information will be available on the town website.

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# Editorial

## October Brings Domestic Violence Awareness

The month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Our area has far fewer major crimes compared to other cities and towns. Nevertheless, offenses such as domestic violence appear regularly in our Police Log and are sometimes heightened in a bad economy.

Domestic violence is defined as, "Violent or aggressive behavior within the home, typically involving the violent abuse of a spouse or partner," according to the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Even though the majority of cases seem to be violence against a wife or female partner, there are also many cases of harm and abuse that come to husbands and male partners.

Thousands of women, children, and men live with domestic violence day-to-day, afraid to report their situations to the authorities. Unfortunately, it is likely that the prevalence of domestic violence in our own towns is much higher than what is reported for a number of reasons. These reasons can range from fear of not being believed to being brainwashed into believing that the situation is the victim's fault. It is crucial to bring more awareness to what domestic violence is, and how the cycle can be broken. Domestic violence involves willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another.

This kind of violence often escalates from threats and manipulation to verbal abuse and or physical violence. This kind of violent behavior

can directly harm the victims, but it also affects any children living in the home. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence each and every year. These children will likely grow up experiencing mood disorders such as anxiety, anger, and may even grow to perpetuate the behavior that was impressed upon them from a young age, thus continuing the cycle of domestic abuse in one form or another.

According to the National Domestic Violence hotline, some signs that you or someone you love may be involved in a domestic violence situation include; feeling trapped, chronic humiliation from a partner, verbal insults, physical violence, controlling behavior from a partner, unpredictable mood swings, alienating friends and family, and manipulation, to name a few.

If you or someone you love is involved in a domestic violence situation, it is important to report your situation as soon as humanly possible.

Local authorities and abuse help hotlines are able to assist with removing the abuser from the situation and in helping victims find resources ranging from places to stay to legal help and advice.

Domestic violence is as brutal as it is unnecessary, but it does not have to be a way of life for those who are currently suffering. If you see something, say something. Together we as a community can help put a stop to the cycle of abuse.



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# Letters

## Morrison Meeting House aka Lions Hall

To the editor,

The Town staff that facilitated Saturday's information gathering deserve thanks. The session was well run and very informative. It was also very disturbing.

The Meeting House is 250 years old. It has sat at its present location for 175 of those years, since before the Civil War. It is the oldest public building in Town and one of the four iconic buildings that grace our Town center. It is a community landmark. It has been repaired and cared for by generations of our predecessors and now it is our turn to pass it on to future generations. My own sense of the session was that no one disagreed with the need to preserve it.

Then came the disturbing part. I had already stated that one of my own concerns was the proposal to spend \$2.6M of which only a small part seemed related to repair and restoration. Others present echoed that concern. The nasty surprise came when it was hinted that the clapboard siding might be replaced with vinyl! That would totally destroy the historical integrity of the building. What next – modern vinyl windows and doors! The mere fact that Weston & Sampson would even submit a proposal that included that causes me to doubt their qualification to work on such an historic building.

The NH Preservation Alliance was specifically established to advise and consult with Towns or individuals when they

wish to repair and preserve historic buildings. They also maintain a list of qualified businesses that can perform work on historic structures. Were they consulted? Is Weston & Sampson one of those businesses?

Bear in mind that the Town has apparently already spent \$37K on a proposal that, if adopted, seems likely to wreck the historical integrity of the building. (I think that was the figure stated during Q & A.)

Yes, beyond repair, there is the issue of future use and that will entail some changes for regulatory compliance. For 50 years the Town had an exemplary tenant. Maybe a similar future tenant could be found. Maybe the Lions Club could be convinced to sign a new lease and return. Maybe if the Town had done due diligence as a landlord and repaired the building when it was needed, the Lions Club would still be there!

David J. Ellis  
Londonderry

## Response to Scannura

To the editor

I read with interest the letter last week from Ms. Scannura regarding voting. With three people assigned the responsibility of maintaining the voter rolls, there should be no issues come Election Day. I would like to address two other points that I take issue with.

The first is the subject of allowing people who aren't showing up on the voter rolls and being allowed to vote. This is not an uncommon occurrence. Several states al-

low same day registration. These people and those not reflected on the rolls are given a "provisional ballot". These ballots are set aside and not counted as part of the vote count until they are verified as valid.

The other issue is the claim of ballot stuffing by having people bussed in to vote. I am not aware of an actual case of people being bussed in to vote. There have been reported cases of voter fraud such as voting in someone else's name or voting multiple times. In each of these cases it was by people of a particular party.

Regardless of party affiliation, these acts have not added up to cause a change in the results.

Safe and secure elections is an American issue, not a political issue. It is the bedrock of our democracy. Can we at least on this issue put our political affiliation aside and agree that election integrity is something we as Americans are entitled to.

Mike Yochim  
Londonderry

## Response to Locke

To the editor,

In the Sept. 28 issue You ran a letter from Cheri Locke regarding the Indictment of Donald Trump in Georgia, which is related to the 2020 election. This is the alleged racketeering conspiracy brought by a partisan Democratic operative masquerading as a prosecutor, Fanni Willis. Ms. Locke implies in her letter that the Georgia case against Trump and at least 18

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# Former Londonderry Writer Describes Israel Invasion

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

*Note: Idan Vinitsky wrote for the Londonderry Times for nearly two years while living in the U.S. He has written to share his thoughts on the current situation he and his family face in Israel where he currently resides.*

Saturday, Oct. 7, began like any Saturday for me in the past year. I woke up around 5:45 a.m., got on my bike and rode about 10 miles to the Mediterranean Sea. The "Shabat" morning quiet, the great air, the view of the sea. It really helps you relax and gain energy before another busy week begins. As part of my bike-riding routine, when I get to the shore, I sit for 15-minutes, breathe, then ride back home. But on the morning of Oct. 7, those 15-minutes became 10-seconds. "WHERE ARE YOU? THERE WAS A SIREN," yelled my scared wife into the telephone, seconds after she ran with our two young kids to the building's shelter. Unfortunately, this is

the reality in Israel. Every building and house has a shelter, the result of many years and many "rounds" of bombing between us and our neighbors, sometimes from the north and mostly from the Gaza Strip. We are so used to it, that a 6:30 a.m. siren didn't feel like a big deal to me as I was riding back home. But this one was different, as my broken heart was about to find out. At 6:30 a.m., in a planned and surprising attack, over 2,000 Hamas terrorists crossed the border from Gaza and invaded Israel. Some of them located a nearby music festival and started shooting at its participants. About 300 people were murdered, some were tourists from around the world, including the U.S. Other terrorists headed to the kibbutzim, Israel's version of the countryside. There, they entered homes and began butchering people. Families tied together and burned alive. Babies beheaded. 80-year-old people kidnapped into

Gaza. Crimes against humanity. This was the kickoff for "The Gaza War," as they call it now. Ever since, Israel was able to gain control of the situation and launch a massive attack on Hamas. It's sad to say, but we know that innocents are killed and injured on the other side as well. But what can we do? This is a war on our existence here. After the holocaust we said "never again". We built a country, the only Jewish country, and Hamas reminded us on that horrible morning that we can never be too protected. We must always defend ourselves. At the moment, this includes fighting and trying to eliminate Hamas. We'll do whatever it takes. I lived in Boston for two years, between 2017 and 2019. In that time-span, I was lucky to work for the Londonderry Times and get to know in-person your lovely community (I even included the Mack Plaque in my book!). Eventually, we

came back home, to Israel, because there is no place like home. Someone is attempting to make us leave our home, or kill us if we decide to stay and fight.

I'm sure you see in the media arguments for both sides, and as a left-wing person, I'd love to see a Palestinian state one day. I think they deserve it. But it cannot

be achieved this way, with ISIS-like terrorists running their show. So to you, the great people of Londonderry, I just have one request: Stand With Israel!



## Fall Clean Up

Members of Beautiful Londonderry were handing out bags and vest to volunteers on Saturday morning, Oct. 14, for the annual Fall Clean-Up. About 20 volunteers headed out from Matthew Thornton Elementary School to some of the Londonderry roadways to pick up roadside trash. Approximately 25 bags of trash - plus a couch - got picked up that morning and was left for the Department of Public Works to collect early Monday morning. This Saturday, Oct. 21, volunteers from Win Waste Innovations will be picking up along Nashua Road to help continue the groups efforts. Beautiful Londonderry also conducts a Spring Clean-Up each year.

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others (including Trump's lawyers!) "Are serious crimes against our country...". Like each of the other preposterous cases against Trump, the Georgia case is brought for one purpose: to "Get Trump" and stop him before he can become President again. As noted by constitutional law expert and prominent Democrat-Alan Dershowitz of Harvard none of the cases against Trump- and especially the Georgia case- deserves to be brought. In fact, Dershowitz has written a best-selling book entitled "Get Trump" where he predicted that Democrats would fight

Trump, not at the ballot box, but with lawfare, in an effort to 'bleed' him and his campaign of time and resources. It is unprecedented in American history. The Department of Justice of the current President (Biden) is attempting to jail his chief rival for the Presidency (Trump) with trumped up charges (pun intended). Dershowitz suggests that we have indeed become a 'banana republic'.

The Georgia case is largely about free speech with Willis contending that Trump mislead people by falsely claiming that he believed he won and that he gave speeches and rallies questioning the results of the 2020 election.

Why Did the Trump campaign believe they had won? In December 2020, the Trump campaign sued Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger (R-Ga.) and several other election officials. Ray Smith, chief counsel for the Trump campaign, filed suit and promised to present eyewitnesses and experts who could prove widespread "illegal votes: 2,560 felons; 66,247 underage voters, 2,423 votes from people not registered; 1,043 individuals registered at post office boxes; 4,926 individuals who voted in Georgia after registering in another state; 395 individuals who voted in two states; 15,700 votes from people who moved out of state before the election; 40,279 votes of

people who moved without re-registering in their new county; and another 30,000 to 40,000 absentee ballots lacking proper signature matching and verification."

This resulted in 163,573 allegedly fraudulent votes. That is why Trump suggested that Georgia election officials could have 'found' enough votes among these allegedly fraudulent votes to overcome the 11,769 votes that he lost by. Yet both Ms. Locke and Prosecutor Willis seem to believe you cannot talk about this publicly. Except of course if you are a Democrat. (Staci Abrams to this day insists that she won the Governor's race in Georgia in 2018). Because Trump has made these claims publicly and continuously, which he has every right to do, he is being prosecuted. Naturally, Trump could make this and every other prosecution, disappear immediately, by simply dropping out of

the Presidential race, which is unequivocally the ultimate goal of each and every one of these phony prosecutions.

Respectfully,  
Bruno Wroblewski  
Londonderry

## Thanks for the Help

To the editor,

I was out taking photos at Lake Massabesic on a nice day looking at the beautiful foliage and walking over to take the photo and I fell on the path, hitting my arm on stones as well as my head.

I tried to get up by grabbing some small trees but that did not work. So I rocked back and forth till I got up so I said to myself "thank god I don't have to call 911" but then I fell again.

I lay on the ground for about half an hour and I said to my wife up in heaven "I love you, I am in trouble help me," and she did.

I was calling for help

but no one could hear me so I looked for my cell phone. I found it, but had a hard time getting it out. By then it was getting dark I was calling for help, so those I called could find me. Finally someone heard me. I was so happy they found me, but if I did not have a cell phone I could have been there for days.

So they helped me up and brought me to the Ambulance. I was asked which hospital I'd prefer to go. I said Parkland Medical.

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# Heritage Commission Hears Plans For Auto Auction Expansion

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Heritage Commission was presented with an application for a design review for a proposed 10,624 square foot addition to the existing Auto Auction of New England site along with associated site improvements. The property which is located at 1 Action Blvd, is owned by Windham Realty LLC.

"We're before you folks for an expansion of this existing building Auto Auction," Matthew

Routhier, from TF Moran who was representing the owner during the meeting said.

In addition he explained that the expansion would be for six bays which will be used for inspections.

Routhier explained to the Heritage Commission that their intention is to expand for recon purposes, noting that they have an extensive amount of used vehicles coming in and out.

"The intent is to expand the building for recon purposes," Routhier

said.

In terms of landscaping, Routhier said, that they were looking for waivers explaining that their plan is to maintain the vegetation that exists today.

He told the commission that their intention is to add parking in the rear of the parking lot and said they are planning on making improvements to the current storage area.

It was noted by Routhier that they previously had gone to the Conservation Commis-

sion who didn't have any concerns about the proposal, saying they view it as "improvements to drainage," with the improvements.

In terms of design, Routhier said that they would be channel steel buildings, and the exterior would be concrete blocks "to pretty much match what's there today," he said.

"The intent is for them to match the same style that exists today, same colors, same block style," Routhier said.

Routhier explained

that currently the building has brown bricks and brown base blocks, along with a metal corrugated roof.

Routhier also told the commission that they would have a single slope on a couple of the buildings, and the building attached to the main building will have a multi pitch on the roof.

It was also noted by Routhier that they wouldn't be making any signage changes.

"Everything is going to stay the same, again this is all pretty much

work inside the storage lot," Routhier said about the signage plan.

One question raised was about any proposed lighting for the site.

Routhier explained that the only proposed lighting would be for the expansion of the buildings.

The Heritage Commission ultimately voted unanimously to recommend that the project be approved as it was submitted.

The next Heritage Commission meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

# Zoning Board Approve Variance for a Larger Garage

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a case regarding a variance request to allow for the expansion of an existing non-conforming use garage during its Sept. 20 meeting.

It was explained by Melissa Martin, the owner of the property at 537 Mammoth Rd., that she bought her house in 2019 and it was built in 1880.

She said it was owned for a number of years by the same person, until the previous owner passed away and she bought the home from her daughter.

"It was owned by the same owner from 1975 until 2017," Martin said.

Martin explained that she took out a 203 K loan and with the building inspector and a HUD rep-

resentative they were able to update "several things that were non conforming inside the house in terms of insulation, safety."

Some of the things included insulating the entire attic, which wasn't insulated before and adding a railing to the front steps.

"I remodeled the kitchen, the upstairs bathroom added heat in the bathroom where there wasn't actually any if you can believe that," Martin said.

She said she made a big push to make it liveable where she lives with her two teenagers, but the outside has been "an eye sore for quite some time."

Martin said she has done a number of different projects this Summer, saying she put in about \$100,000 into the exterior this Summer. Something she's been saving a while

for.

One example she pointed to, is the landscaping.

"The landscaping is being completely done right now," Martin said, noting they can see from the pictures that the lawn is completely torn up.

Another thing she pointed to is adding plantings.

"We're doing a lot of planting. There's been a shed added into the back," noting that its a small freestanding shed.

She said a patio and

walkway was also added this Summer.

With the garage, Martin said it has been a problem and "it's sinking down upon itself."

She said brush has grown into the garage, and there is no foundation for the garage.

"It's a major eyesore and it has been since I've moved there," Martin said.

She said they would be expanding the garage by six feet to the left and three feet to the rear making it 25x25.

Martin said by allow-

ing for the reconstruction of the garage, which

will be on the same spot, would allow them to park two cars in the garage and off the street, as well as having a place for their belongings.

She also noted that no matter where they put the garage it would

be infringing on the setbacks.

"There's no way to avoid setback encroachment on that space," Martin said.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment unanimously approved the variance request to expand the garage.

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# High School Drama Club Host Haunted Wood at Town Common



Members of the Londonderry High School Drama Club staked out spots in the Kent Allen Forest last week to scare those being hid through the woods during the annual Haunted Woods. The club is raising funds for the play they are currently rehearsing for. The musical "Mama Mia" will be performed in February according to members.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Football Squad Shutdown Exeter Blue Hawks

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After competing on the road for three consecutive weeks, the Londonderry High School Football team returned to their home field and had very little difficulty in shutting out the Exeter Blue Hawks 35-0 on Friday night, Oct. 13.

The Lancers moved to 6-1 with the victory and the loss put Exeter at 4-3.

The Lancers defense had another outstanding game, allowing just 42-passing-yards and 137 on the ground. They also forced two fumbles, recovering one, and had one interception. The team also piled up the sack count, with 47 solo sacks. Ty Parsons led the team again this week with six solos and one assist and Ty Miles accrued four with one assist.

On offense, touchdowns came from five different players, with the team scoring in every quarter, twice in the second.

The biggest blemish in the game for the Lancers were the seven penalties in the game for 74-yards. A number of them came on big plays, bringing the ball back a significant amount.

The Lancers came out of the box quickly, after forcing a quick three-and-out, Londonderry scored in their first drive of the game. Starting from the Blue Hawk 40-yard line, it took just two-minutes and four plays when senior quarterback, Conor Williams, connected with senior Jaydon Navarro for a 25-yard play into the endzone.

Junior kicker, Blake Thompson, was solid all night on point after



Jayden Navarro muscled his way into the Blue Hawks endzone after a reception for the Lancers first touchdown. Photo by Chris Paul

attempts, kicking all five attempts through the uprights.

In the second quarter,

junior QB, Sam Ogden, helped cap off another two-minute drive with a touchdown

by senior running back, Jake Schena. Starting at their own nine-yard line, the Lancers marched 91-yards down the field for a 16-yard run by Schena for a 14-0 lead.

Five minutes later, after a seven-play drive from the Exeter 48-yard line, junior quarterback, Alex Villa, ran the ball in from the one-yard line for the third score of the game.

The fourth touchdown came early in the third period after just three plays during a 44-second possession.

Ogden handed the ball to junior running back, Caiden Malek, for a 14-yard gain into the Exeter endzone.

The final touchdown of the game came in the fourth quarter, when senior QB, Cam Brutus, handed the ball to sophomore running back, Adrian Cruz, for a 12-yard gain and six more

points.

Along with the five unanswered touchdowns, the LHS squad amassed 349 yards of total offense. The Lancers finished with 70-passing-yard and 279-yards on the ground.

Ogden had 45-yards passing and 50-yards on the ground to lead the team in offense again this week.

Senior receiver, Seth Doyon, had one catch for 29-yards and Navarro had one for 25-yards, leading the home squad.

On the ground, Ogden led with 50, junior Carson Palma had 41-yards, and Schena collected 40-yards.

With just two games left in the regular season, the Lancers will bring their 6-1 record into Alvirne High School on Friday night, Oct. 20, for a game against the 4-3 Broncos, starting at 7 p.m.

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# Lancers Boys' Soccer Tallies Wins over Cardinals & Warriors

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After coming off just their third loss of the season, the Londonderry Boys' Soccer team added two more wins last week and pushed their season record up to an impressive 11-3, with just one

week left in the season.

The Lancers were on their home turf for both games last week and in those contests, they were able to blank the Bishop Guertin Cardinals 3-1 followed by a close 1-0 win over the Winnacunnet Warriors.

On Monday, Oct. 9, at

LHS, the home squad scored once in the first half and twice in the second for their seventh shutout of the season.

The team's first goal came at 24:43 in the first when junior Zach Mantegari assisted by fellow junior Brett McKinnon.

About two minutes into the second half, McKinnon added to the lead with an unassisted shot on a breakaway shot taken after a steal from half field.

The final goal came from the Mantegari-McKinnon duo again. McKinnon placed a pass from the right side to Mantegari who was directly in front of the BG tender.

Junior goaltender, Noah Celio, needed to make just three saves behind his Lancer defense, while the BG goalie was busy with 12 saves in the game.

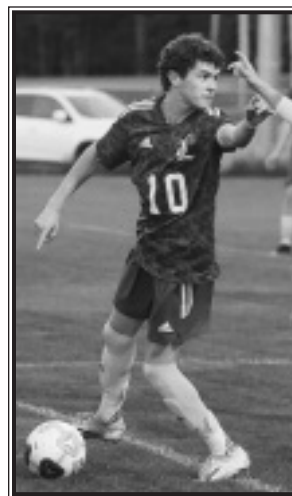
Head coach, Todd Ellis, was happy with his team's pace, saying, "The team really generated a lot of nice opportunities. Our pace seemed to be a little too

much for them, and our defenders did a good job of supporting each other to keep them from even getting a lot of shots off."

The Londonderry squad got its eleventh win and eighth shutout of the season three nights later, narrowly beating the Winnacunnet Warriors by one goal.

The only goal scored in the very evenly balanced game came from McKinnon at 50:31 in the game.

McKinnon, who factored into every goal last week, scored on a rebound from senior Jake Nussdorf's shot on



Zach Mantegari

goal.

Senior Lancer keeper, Jason Reilly, made three saves to match Winnacunnet's three saves.

Ellis gave praise to

the defense, saying, "We created several good quality chances to increase our lead, however fortunately our team defense kept most of their shots outside the 18."

He added, Aidan Board, Matt Doyle, Conor Koza, Crosby Nolan, and Reilly, along with the rest of the team, did well to preserve the shutout.

Londonderry closed out the regular season with a game at Windham High School (12-2) on Tuesday, Oct. 17, followed by a home game with Timberlane (1-12-1) on Thursday night Oct. 19, starting at 6 p.m.



Brett McKinnon factored into every goal last week for his team. He's pictured battling a Winnacunnet player during the LHS win.

## Lancers Golf Team Finish in Third Place at States

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Golf team had one of its best finishes in the

team's history last week.

The LHS team competed in the Division I Team Championship, at Canterbury Country Club in Canterbury on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Londonderry finished with a score of 397 (37 strokes over par) for third place.

Concord High School finished in first with a score of 383 (+23) and Hanover High School was second at 393 (33-over).

Patrick O'Connor was the Londonderry team leader, shooting a 73 (one-over par). He had one birdie and two bogies on his card. Carter Browning also had a good outing, finishing with a 78 (+7). Taylor Dodge shot a 79 on the day, helping with the team total. Nick Bishop posted a score of 83 and Ryan Palmer shot an 84.

Four days later, on Oct. 14, at the Division I Individual Championship, at Beaver Meadow in Concord, O'Connor had a fifth-place finish, shooting a 73 (+1) in his first round and an 82 (+10) in his second, for a score of 155.

Browning had an 11th place finish, shooting a 78 and an 83 to finish with a 161.

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# Lancers Girls' Volleyball Add Three More Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With just a week left in the regular season, the Londonderry High School Girls' Volleyball team posted three more victories to put their record at 11-4.

The Lancers victories extended the team's winning streak to five games and put the crew in a four-way tie for fourth place in the division.

Londonderry moved to 9-4 with a strong 3-0 home victory over the

Concord Crimson Tide (10-6) to start the week, winning three straight sets 25-21, 25-22, and 27-25.

Highlights for the Lancers in the Tuesday night game include: Senior Ally McGonagle getting nine kills, eight digs, and four aces. Senior Melea Bizzarro finished with five digs and four aces, while senior Abby Harrington managed 14 digs.

The following night, in Goffstown, against a very strong Grizzlies team, with a matching record, Londonderry battled their way defensively to a 3-2 victory.

LHS won the opening set 25-19, but fell in the following two 21-25 and 17-25. The Lancers came back in the fourth with a 25-17 set win and finished with a 15-11 rubber game of the match.

Senior Sarah DeFazio accrued 32 assists, six kills, and nine digs in the match. Harrington got 15 digs and assists, while sophomore Riley Campo had 12 kills and three blocks. McGonagle had another strong game at the net, with 16 kills and five aces, while senior Libby Bono racked up nine kills.

The Londonderry squad had another test

when they traveled to Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow on Friday night, Oct. 13.

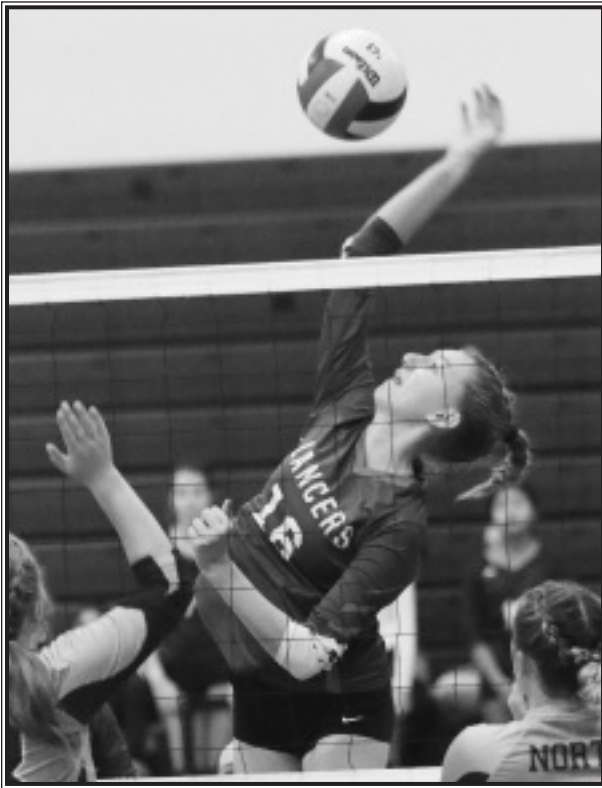
The team moved to 11-4 with a hard fought 3-2 win over the Owls in another back-and-forth battle.

The Lancers dropped the first set 17-25, but came back in the second 25-10. Timberlane took the third frame 25-7 and lost the fourth 20-25. In the final game of the match, LHS edged out their opponent 15-13 for the win.

Highlights for the Lancers include: McGonagle getting 16 kills and 12 digs; sophomore

Mady Normand putting up 24 assists; junior Gabby Pedrick had four kills, three aces, and three digs; and sophomore Elisabeth Kearney got five kills, four digs and, two aces.

The team will finish the final week of the regular season this week with a Senior Night game against Salem High School (10-6) at home on Monday. On Wednesday, Oct. 18, they play the always-tough Hollis-Brookline squad (13-2), followed by another home game on Friday night, Oct. 20, against the Exeter Blue Hawks (7-9).



Sophomore Annie Williams at the net during a recent home game. Photo by Chris Paul

## Girls' Soccer Wins at the Seacoast

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Soccer team had just one game last week, traveling to the New Hampshire seacoast, where they beat the Winnacunnet High School Warriors 3-2.

The Lady Lancers victory put the team's season record at 5-8-1 with just one week left in the regular season, leaving them right on the

edge of making the Division I playoffs.

The young Londonderry squad has two games remaining before the playoffs and will face one team with a similar record and another with just one loss.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, they faced the Windham Jaguars (6-7-1) and they finish out the regular season at Timberlane Regional High School with their 13-1 record.



## Athlete of the Week

Week of Oct. 9

**Ally McGonagle**  
Senior, Girls' Volleyball

Ally has led the team all season on the court, in the huddle and throughout the community. In the past week, Ally has led the team to a 3-0 record and eclipsed the 750-kill milestone for her career.

**Patrick O'Connor**  
Senior, Golf

Patrick qualified for the N.H. State Individual Golf Tournament by shooting a +1 73 at Canterbury Woods Country Club, leading the Londonderry Lancer Golf team to a third place finish, the best in school history. Patrick played the individual DI tournament at Beaver Meadows Golf Course on Saturday finishing fifth in the state. Patrick had an outstanding season, leading LHS to their best season (17-9) and setting a great example for the younger golfers.



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Also returning to the field on Friday night was the varsity cheerleading squad with new head coach, Michelle Sharp. Sharp has experience with the team, as a former Lancer coach, and hopes to get the team ready for the state championship next month.

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## Floral Arranging Class

The Londonderry Women's Club is hosting a Thanksgiving Floral Arranging Class on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Marion Gerrish Communi-

ty Center in Derry. The class will begin at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for Members and \$20 for Non-Members. Payment is due in advance to secure your spot. For more information, email: [info@londonderrywomensclub.org](mailto:info@londonderrywomensclub.org).

## Autumn Sip & Shop Event

On Thursday Oct. 19, from 4 - 6:30 p.m. at The Long Blue Cat Brewery, Keller Williams Metropolitan will host the 1st Annual Autumn Sip & Shop Event. Local small businesses including candles, soaps, zero waste products, dog treats, and more! Sponsored by: Long Blue Cat Brewery, Monarch Title, & Guild Mortgage

## Arts Council Exhibit

The Londonderry Arts Council presents the oil

paintings of Craig O'Neill on display at the Leach Library for the month of October. Craig explores themes of memory, movement, and multiple realities in nine illuminating works. Stop in to view his original pieces on easels around the perimeter of the library anytime during library open hours. To learn more about the Library Featured Artist program, visit <https://londonderryartscouncil.org/featuredartist>.

## Explore Girl Scouts

Come explore Girl Scouts on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Leach Library and try out what the organization has to offer. Can't make it to an event? No worries! They host multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. You

can also join anytime online at [girlscoutsgwm.org](http://girlscoutsgwm.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

## 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, home-made 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](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org) or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at [www.facebook.com/nhahs](http://www.facebook.com/nhahs).

## Free Meals

Free Community Meals being served in September are as follows: 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.

## 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 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 qualification.

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - Oct. 9

**1:33 a.m.** Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Londonderry United Methodist Church on Mammoth Road.

**3:47 a.m.** Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from Shasta Drive.

**10:06 a.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at Dunkin Donuts on Rockingham Road.

**11:33 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated at Bluebird Self Storage on Perkins Road.

**5:44 p.m.** Three officers investigate a Robbery at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**8:05 p.m.** Disturbance on Old Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Pacey Moreno, 22, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

**9:06 p.m.** Four officers involved in missing person taken to family/guardian/other on Prairie Lane.

#### Tuesday - Oct. 10

**3:27 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Check, by four officers, leads to an arrest at the 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road. Paul Yeager, 22, of Derry, charged with: Receiving Stolen Property (\$1,001-\$1,500); Operation of vehicle after Certified as a Habitual Offender.

**7:06 p.m.** Shooting Complaint on Wiley Hill Road leads to two arrests made by six officers. Devin Hansen, 22, of Tyngsboro, MA, charged with:

Reckless Conduct - Deadly Weapon; and Criminal Mischief. Jonathan Lucy, 25, of Nashua, charged with: Criminal Mischief; and Reckless Conduct - Deadly Weapon.

**7:33 p.m.** Fireworks Complaint reported on at the Rail Trail Aviation Park Drive.

**8:29 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted by four officers leads to an arrest at Market Basket on Michels Way. Summer Vose, 26, of Londonderry, charged with Driving after Revoke/Suspension.

#### Wednesday - Oct. 11

**8:13 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Check at the Burger King on Nashua Road leads to an arrest. Angela Moran, 52, of Francestown, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Controlled Drug (Controlled Premises Where Drugs Kept); Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; Possession - Residual Amount; Open Container; Driving After Revoked/Suspension; Loitering or Prowling; Motor Vehicle - Safety Glass Required.

**12:06 p.m.** Arrest made during a Domestic Disturbance on Lawson Farm Road. Thomas Knight, 41, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

**2:56 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance at the Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

**3:13 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated by seven officers on Rockingham

Road.

**3:49 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Sutton Place.

**6:34 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance on Pleasant Drive.

**7:47 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

#### Thursday - Oct. 12

**2:19 p.m.** Services rendered by five officers for a Welfare Check on Isabella Drive.

**3:20 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

**7:21 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Orchard View Drive at Nutfield Eye Associates.

**7:29 p.m.** Services rendered by five officers to assist a Citizen at Signature Aviation on Kelly Avenue.

#### Friday - Oct. 13

**10:54 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Cassilyn Burton, 36, of Derry, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; Controlled Drug (Controlled Premises Where Drugs Kept); Open Container; Defective Equipment; and Uninspected Vehicle.

**1:22 p.m.** Services rendered for Weapons Offenses on Coteville Road.

**6:07 p.m.** Eight officers

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## Around Town

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tions for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

### Dragoneers Club

Calling all teen and tween adventurers! Join the Dragoneers Club for a standalone quest on Monday, Oct. 23 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. All experience levels welcome! Registration is required. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (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. 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 applica-

tion, or pick up an application packet at the library.

### 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, independ-

ent 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.

### 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 cal-

endar 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.

### Strange Happenings

Teens and tweens are invited to a Stranger Things-inspired Halloween party on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Participants will enjoy some treats and activities inspired by Hawkins and the Upside Down. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Oct. 24. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Drop-In Tech Help

Curious about reserv-

ing 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

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### Veteran Credit Renewal

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## OBITUARY

### Helga (Oettinger) York



Helga (Oettinger) York (88) of Bedford, NH passed away peacefully on Oct. 4, 2023, with family by her side. Born in Heidelberg, Germany on Oct. 18, 1934 to Susannah Oettinger & Max Vollmer, she grew up in foster care during WWII & experienced many challenges which would later shape her work

ethic & commitment to family.

While working as a nurse's aide in Frankfort in 1955, she met the love of her life while out dancing one night. Her "Billy" was a US army intelligence officer, & they would continue to meet, dance and converse with the help of a German/American dictionary. As Bill's assignment in Germany was coming to an end, Helga came with him back to his home in Canton, ME. They were married in Jan. 1957. Her in-laws loved her like a daughter, and helped her learn English (with a Maine accent) & adapt to life in a new country. For Helga, this is when she says her life really began.

They moved to Brunswick, ME in 1966 with their children Ronald Joseph, born in 1964, & Susan Kimberly, born in 1966. Helga was a wonderful wife, mother, & homemaker; caring for her family was her very special gift. She was a constant presence at her children's activities & sporting events, & many still remember her loudly cheering for all team members from the stands. Helga was an amazing cook & baker. She worked for many years at Coffin School in Brunswick as a baker, & her treats were greatly enjoyed by many students & staff.

She truly became the happiest woman in the world when she became an "Oma". She loved her grandchildren with everything she had, & spending time with them was one of her favorite activities. She treasured the visits, the sleepovers, singing & dancing, phone calls, & endless laughter that continued through the years as they grew. She was so very proud of each & was a consistent part of their lives even from a distance.

In 2007, she & Bill moved to The Villages in FL., where they enjoyed the beautiful year round weather for 10 years. Helga especially loved her morning walks & swims in the pool, & dancing in the square when her grandchildren would come to visit. In 2017, they moved back to New England, near their daughter in Londonderry, NH.

Bill & Helga were a happy couple until his passing in 2020 after over 63 years of marriage. Despite his loss & some health challenges, Helga remained vibrant, independent, funny, and loving. She said she felt she was put on earth to make people laugh, & her daily goal was to bring a smile to at least one person's face.

She was predeceased by her husband, William York. She leaves her son, Ronald York & his wife, Rachael of St Simon's Island, GA; her daughter, Susan Skov & her husband Conrad of Londonderry, NH; 4 grandchildren, Haley Skov of Los Angeles, CA; Annika Skov of Colorado Springs, CO and her fiancé Jake Sroka; Austin York of Athens, GA & his wife Alex; & Eden York of St. Simon's Island.

There will be a ceremony for family and friends at a later date, to celebrate the lives of both Helga and Bill. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.

To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## Police Log

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conduct a School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry High School. *Note: There were 28 school walk throughs logged throughout the school district on Friday. According to LPD, the reason for the increased walk throughs was due to an online rumor regarding a national threat regarding the conflict in Israel.*

### Saturday - Oct. 14

**12:07 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Sunoco on Nashua Road.

**12:47 a.m.** Services rendered by five officers for a Sudden Death on Plummer Drive.

**2:48 p.m.** Three officers respond to a Disturbance on Grove Street.

**5:47 p.m.** Bomb Scare investigated by five officers at XtremeCraze on Orchard View Drive.

**11:14 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Main Street Apartments on Main Street, Woodmont.

### Sunday - Oct. 15

**12:11 a.m.** Motor vehicle check leads to an arrest at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road Joshua Perez, 31, of Haverhill, MA., charged with Drive after Revoke/Suspension.

**12:44 p.m.** Warning Issued for Juvenile Offenses on Holly Lane.

**3:28 p.m.** Motor Vehicle accident at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by five officers. Martha Dorsey, 65, of Hampstead, charged with: Dri-

ving Under the Influence - Impairment; Possession of Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; Controlled Drug

(Controlled Premises Where Drugs Kept).

**9:20 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on King Phillip Drive.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct an automobile dealership facility and associated site improvements with 5,450 square feet of wetland impacts and 17,600 square feet of wetland buffer impacts. 36 Industrial Dr., Map 28, Lot 18-3, zoned Gateway Business District, Scannell Properties (Applicant) and Ballinger Properties LLC and Five N Associates, G.P. (Owners).

Public hearing on an application for design review for a site plan to construct a 50,180 square foot building containing offices, sales area and service bays for an automobile dealership facility along with associated site improvements. 36 Industrial Dr., Map 28, Lot 18-3, zoned Gateway Business District, Scannell Properties (Applicant) and Ballinger Properties LLC and Five N Associates, G.P. (Owners).



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