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## Never Forget

Call Firefighter, Bruce Kenison, tolls the bell in front of Central Fire Station 5-5-5 in memory of those fallen during 9-11 in 2001. Kennison and fellow members of the department took part in a ceremony on Monday. See more page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Council Name 'Bo' Butler as Londonderry's New Fire Chief

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night, Sept. 11, Town Council meeting, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, recommended to the board that Bo Butler be named as the town's new Fire Chief.

Butler grew up in Londonderry and has



Bo Butler

been a member of the force since 2002. He is the son-in-law of retiring chief, Darren O'Brien, as well as the son of Town Councilor, Jim Butler.

During Malaguti's recommendation, Councilor, Jim Butler, stepped away from his seat on the board.

Malaguti informed **continued on page 7**

## Bullying Allegations Suspend Lancers Cheerleading Season

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A press release was issued on Friday, Sept. 8, regarding "a toxic and pervasive culture of bullying, harassment, and discrimination on the Londonderry High School Cheerleading squad" by the Londonderry School District.

The release informed the community that there would be a suspension of the Spirit Squad's season until officials could investigate the matter.

It read: "School officials have recently become aware of extremely concerning allega-

tions regarding a toxic and pervasive culture of bullying, harassment, and discrimination on the Londonderry High School Cheerleading Squad. Unfortunately, these allegations encompass the entire cheerleading program, including the coaching staff, student athletes, and parents."

"Last night, school administration discussed the allegations with the School Board in non-public session. The School Board, with the full support of the administration, voted unanimously to suspend the LHS Cheerleading Program effective imme-

diately. The suspension will remain in effect until at least September 25, 2023, at which point the board will re-evaluate the program's standing for the remainder of the season."

"Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, and we hold student-athletes in Londonderry to high standards. The District attempts to offer as many extra-curriculars as it can to satisfy the various needs and interests of a diverse student population. However, fundamentally, extracurricular activities are an extension of a rigor-

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## Consultants Forecast \$34M for Moose Hill Expansion

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board was expected to be briefed on the different cost estimates for the potential Moose Hill expansion project on Sept. 5

"Last Spring the School Board approved the Architects sending more detailed conceptual designs to the Trident Group who then worked with three different cost estimator experts to get a budget ready cost estimate on those conceptual designs," Superintendent, Dan Black, wrote in a memo to the School Board.

Phase 1A and B of the project, which would address overcrowding needs, has a total estimated cost of about \$23 million while phase 2 is expected to cost about \$11 million.

Black in a memo to the School Board said the decision will need to be made about bringing any of the warrant articles to the ballot.

He said since the project is "much larger than last year's Infrastructure Bond" he was recommending they make a decision sooner than December or January "so if it does make it to the March 2024 War-

rant, there is enough time to explain the project to the community."

After all the needed information is obtained, including future enrollment projections, Black in his memo said there are essentially three options for the School Board to decide on.

One of the options **continued on page 6**

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# Utilities Committee Re-elect Officers and Welcomes New Member

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee elected a permanent set of officers after the expiration of the initial six-month term at its Sept. 5 meeting. Without much discussion, the Committee kept Lynn Wiles as the Chair, Martha Smith as Vice-Chair, and John Ferreira as Secretary. These officers will serve a full one-year term for each Committee Office.

The election will represent the first full term for the Committee officers.

John Mahon was appointed as a new Alternate Member for Utilities

by the Town Council.

“John and I have worked together for four or five years on the Solid Waste Committee and Beautify Londonderry,” said Wiles. “He brings a wealth of knowledge of the community to our Committee, and I think he’s going to be a worthy addition to what we’re going to be doing here.”

The Energy Subcommittee had its own meeting on Aug. 17, where they agreed to continue working with Twin States to bring cleaning energy to the area by importing hydroelectric power from Québec.

“We, as the subcom-

mittee, decided that we don’t know enough yet to endorse it or not, our recommendation is to keep monitoring the Twin States project for the next few quarters until we know more,” Wiles reported. “Not only that, but as we go through the process, it’s probably going to change over time. It’s just so early on in the project right now, you’re not quite sure what you’re approving.”

Lynn also promised to work with Town Manager Mike Malaguti to determine the next steps for a proposed Community Choice Aggregation plan.

“I think the subcom-

mittee feels Aggregation is a viable project to undertake for the citizens of Londonderry,” said Wiles.

Such a plan involves combining electricity usage of the residences and small businesses across town, and the regulatory process wasn’t entirely clear for NH, although similar plans are already common in Massachusetts.

“We’re now the Aggregation Committee,” joked subcommittee member Mike Speltz, as the Utilities agreed to recommend an aggregation plan with Freedom Energy Logistics and Colonial Power moving forward.

If approved, the project will represent one of the first major projects undertaken by Utilities and recommended since their formation a little over six months ago.

Member, Anne Fenn, wanted to know when Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics will be shutting down, after a late August announcement that the company would close its Merrimack plant.

“What does that mean in terms of the consent decree?” asked Fenn, referring to the Saint-Gobain’s agreement to clean chemically contaminated groundwater wells in the area.

The plastic company chose to pull out of the area due to rising costs. It is unclear when the shutdown will be complete, although they will likely need to continue with the consent decree.

“Saint-Gobain is part of an international conglomerate, as far as I know, they’re still doing well financially and would still assume all obligations,” said Wiles.

The Utilities Committee is scheduled to meet again on Tues. Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Moose Hill Council Chambers. All subcommittee meeting dates are published on the Londonderry town site.

# School Board Get Briefed On Londonderry High Data

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received a Fall data presentation for the high school during its Sept. 5 meeting.

One of the data points presented during the meeting was in regards to what students are doing after high school.

For 2023, about 72% of graduates went on to a four year college, 11% went to a two year college, and almost 4% went to an apprentice-

ship program.

Out of those who applied for college, the district said that 90% were accepted during the 2022-2023 school year, which is up from 2021-2022, which yielded a 88% acceptance rate into college.

In terms of SAT scores, 39% of students meet the benchmarks for both English and math, which is more than the state average of 33%. The district was at the state average for meeting

either the math or English benchmark, which was 29%. The district also exceeded the state average when it came to students not meeting either benchmark. The state average was 38% and in Londonderry, 32% of students didn’t meet either benchmark.

High School Curriculum Coordinator, Shawn Flynn, said they are planning on looking at the PSAT and SAT data more closely to see where improvements can be made.

For test scores in 2023, 45% of students were proficient in math, which was the same as the 2022 school year and up from 2021, which has a proficiency rate of 41%. For literacy, 57% of students scored as proficient for the 2023 school year, with 56% proficient in 2022.

Assistant Superintendent, Jason Parent, said the district is continuing to work on increasing its test scores across the district.

While the district doesn’t have any statistics for dual enrollment this year, Flynn said that information about the program is shared at open house and students have the opportu-

nity to take one of 28 courses where they can earn college credits.

Last year, over 600 credits were earned between the two colleges, High School Curriculum Coordinator, Kim Lindley-Soucy, noted that Steam courses are free for students.

Flynn noted that the high school graduation rates are determined by the state of NH Department of Education and aren’t available yet.

“This data will not be available until late fall,” Flynn said.

He said they try to make sure all students graduate. In 2021 and 2022, the school’s graduation rate was at 99%.

“We pride ourselves

on meeting the needs of our students in finding ways to help students who need additional support to get them across the stage at graduation,” Flynn said.

For Summer Academy, Lindley-Soucy said they saw a lot of success by its students with 95% of the students enrolled earning credits towards their graduation. She added that this year students had to pay which limited the number of students who participated in the program this summer.

In 2023, 89 students were in the program, compared to 2022 where 118 students participated, and 2021 when 151 students were enrolled.

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# Planning Board Recommend Approval of Zoning Changes

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board had a public hearing on Sept. 6 for proposed changes to the town's zoning ordinance to reflect the adoption of the 2018 editions of the international codes as promulgated by the NH State Building Code.

Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, explained that every so many years they have to adopt what the state puts in for building code changes in order for them to be official.

"Each town and city has to adopt it for it to

be legal," Rugg said.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said there are no substantive changes to the building regulations as part of the changes.

"This is simply updating the sections to State 2018, which is in compliance with the state of NH," Caron said.

She noted that the Planning Board needed to make a recommendation to the Town Council about adopting the changes or not.

One question raised was whether or not the updated language came

straight from the government code.

Caron said it did and she also worked with Chief Building Inspector, Nick Codner, to put it together.

"I'm basing my recommendation off his expertise," Caron said.

Planning Board member, Ann Chiampa, asked about one of the codes related to water testing and asked if PFAS testing would be included.

Rugg noted that the codes have been adopted by the state, which usually takes several years to adopt.

"This has been adopted by the state, so you want to change anything in here your beef is with the state of NH, not with us," Rugg said.

Planning Board Alternate member, Roger Filio, said "These are the minimum standards that we're going to. That doesn't mean that if we have an issue in our town that we can't require it to be taken care of."

Caron said they could propose separate amendments to be considered in the future.

Planning Board Secre-

tary, Jake Butler, said what's most important at the moment is getting the code up to date based on the most recent code.

"Let's get us at least up to date with what the state's most recent code," Butler said.

Rugg also noted that the NH Department of Environmental Services have their own standards for drinking water and water quality.

"We have the building code then you have the standards from DES," Rugg said.

The Board ultimately voted to recommend to

the Town Council that they adopt the changes.

Those interested in viewing the full text of the amendment and changes can do so by going to the Planning & Economic Development Department or the Town Clerk's Office.

The Planning Board also approved an extension request for the site plan at 215 and 217 Rockingham Rd., until Dec. 6.

The next Planning Board meeting is slated to take place on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

# School Board Vote To Send Funds Back To Offset Tax Rate

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board voted on what to do with excess revenue during its Sept. 5 meeting.

One of the excess revenues came from the Adequacy grant, which

Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, said has changed in a good way for the district.

"The Adequacy Formula has substantially changed since we budgeted for FY24 with the estimate numbers provided by the State," Mc-

Kenney said. "The estimate in November 2022 was \$11,468,734. Under the new formula, Londonderry will be receiving \$11,927,483, a positive variance of \$458,749."

McKenney explained that they had a couple of options about what they could do with the extra funding.

One of the options would be to call a special meeting which "allows School Districts to appropriate and spend the increased funding, if approved by voters at a special meeting."

Special meetings must be held before tax rate setting in Fall 2023."

The other option would be to help decrease the tax rate.

"If the School Board chooses not to pursue a special meeting, the rev-

enue will automatically be utilized to reduce the tax assessment for the upcoming tax year," McKenney said.

The School Board ultimately voted to send the \$458,749 in funding back to the town to help offset the tax rate.

In addition, the School Board had to decide what to do with its fund balance.

It was explained by McKenney that the district adopted RSA 198:4-b as amended, "which allows the School District to retain up to 5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment."

Based on the Department of Revenue calculation, it means the district could retain up to \$3.3 million.

"This number will be

updated at the setting of the tax rate later this Fall," McKenney said. "As of June 30, 2022, the School Board voted to retain \$1,125,000 as Unassigned Fund Balance." McKenney said its expected that the Fund Balance for the end of the 2023 school year is \$1,610,151.41.

"This represents the total amount available for the board to decide how much to retain and how much to return as revenue to offset the December property tax rate for educational efforts this Fall," McKenney said.

McKenney said one of the things to consider is how the fund balance helps when it comes to seeking bonds.

"We recognize the

current economic environment, however, we know that retained fund balance is one of the important factors the rating agencies use when calculating the District's bond rating," McKenney said. "If the School District were considering a bond article in the near future, it would be good financial practice to keep the Unassigned Fund Balance at or above the current retention amount of \$1,125,000."

She said it's also "fiscally sound to retain enough to be available for unplanned expenditures."

The School Board voted to keep \$1.375 million in unassigned fund balance.

## OBITUARY

### Candee Lee Siracusa



Candee Lee Siracusa, 70, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Monday Aug. 28, 2023, in Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH surrounded by loved ones. Candee was born on June 23, 1953, in Stoneham, MA, a daughter of the late William and Dolores (Colman) Thomas.

Candee is survived by her loving husband, Lawrence "Larry" Siracusa of Londonderry; her son, Geoffrey L. Siracusa and his wife Sara; her brother, Craig Thomas; and her nephew, William Thomas.

Calling hours for Candee were held on Thursday Aug. 31, in the Peabody Funeral Home. Graveside services were held the following morning at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett, MA 02149. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# Editorial

## The First Day of Autumn is Coming

Saturday, Sept. 23rd is the first day of autumn, and the change of seasons. Even with the warm days, there is a different feeling to them.

Autumn is synonymous with a lot of things like back to school, football, Halloween and everything pumpkin spice. I personally am not a fan of the spice.

The days are getting shorter, and there's no mistaking the cool bite in the evening air.

Weekends are spent apple picking, and the leaves on the trees begin to turn glorious shades of yellow, red, and orange.

Orange has never been a favorite color of mine, but about this time every year, our thoughts turn to multiple things filled with the color orange, like pumpkins, leaves changing, and hunting-vests. The color is a definite sign of the shift in seasons.

We can still enjoy plenty of days of wearing flip-flops and shorts, but time is running out for the year. The trees in local orchards are full of apples, and that's a sure sign of fall around here. Take advantage of that bounty and plan a trip to pick apples. Set aside some time to bake pies and make cider. We're fortunate to have the chance to taste the real thing, literally from our own backyards.

As you are driving around this

week, notice the farm stands have tables piled with small and large pumpkins to view and buy. Stop by any local farm-stand, farmers market and you're sure to find a colorful display of mums and cornstalks, they are hard to resist buying to decorate the front porch or mailbox.

Living in New Hampshire, you can't miss the shift in the season. As the decorations start popping up all around town we can see that orange again. These decorations have a warm feeling to them help us transition in to the hard cold season of winter.

We don't need a calendar to tell us about the seasonal change, it is all around us. Days getting shorter, nights getting colder, plants dying off, all with the trees giving us a preview of what is to come.

It's a perfect season to take a walk. Visit the town's conservation areas and discover the hidden treasures of the woodlands you and your neighbors have preserved. Soon enough, your outdoor exercise will be directed at raking those colorful leaves whose time has come.

All in all, it's a wonderful time of year, a time when nature's bounty and beauty are on display before they go to sleep until the spring. Everyone get out take long walks and enjoy this endearing time of year.

# Letters

## Superintendent Lies About Tenure

To the editor,  
Superintendent Daniel Black intentionally obfuscated the facts in his statement to WMUR on Sept. 11, 2023 when interviewed about the suspension of the cheerleading program and the pervasive bullying issues.

When the correspondent raised the point that parents have been pointing out District issues for some time, Dan stated that he is "only in his second year here."

This is an intentional withholding of fact, as Dan was named the Assistant Superintendent to the Londonderry School District effective July of 2017 per the LSD press release in April 2017.

He has been here in an executive leadership position for greater than 6 years; this is not "only his second year here" and the Board, specifically Chairman Bob Slater and freshman Tim Porter, should find their voices and assist Superintendent Black in rendering a clarification for record.

A similar piece of Correspondence was requested to be added to the minutes of the September 11th, 2023 school board meeting.

Jonathan Esposito  
Londonderry

## One Stop Shop

To the editor,  
Well maybe not completely, but as near as we can make it. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Londonderry Middle School from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Londonderry Senior Resource Committee is hosting our 2nd Annual Senior Information Expo. We are

bringing over fifty service providers together in one location, to provide the information needed by seniors, those who care for seniors and anyone else interested.

From the Town we have representatives from the School District, the Assessor's Office (tax credits, deferrals, and exemptions), the Fire and Police departments and the Leach Library. The Londonderry and Derry Senior Centers will both be there as well as the Historical Society. Health care coordinators, Public Health and Mental Health providers will be there.

Community Caregivers and CART/MTA will be there. State services and service coordinators will be there too with representatives from Service Link, the 211-referral center, Legal Assistance, Hearing Services, and the Southern NH Planning Commission. These offices help seniors get their state and federal benefits.

But wait! There is more. AARP will be there with information on services and help with tax preparation and there will be two breakout sessions on their Smart-Tech program that explains all the new functions in cars and how best to use them. The Alzheimer's Association, American Red Cross, Lifelong Learning Institute, Veterans Administration and YMCA will all be there.

Finally, there are many other service providers that will be there to help with insurance, mobility, physical fitness, financial, home care and home transition issues. Hey, the pickle ball committee will be there with a demo.

We have worked extremely hard to build it.

There will be refreshments and prizes. You are all invited!

Very respectfully  
Jim Green  
Londonderry

## Death Spiral

To the editor,  
Anyone familiar with basic aviation knows of a "Death Spiral" and its meaning. It's an unplanned and out of control maneuver while flying that will result in a crash and death.

Joe Biden unknowingly at the time began a "Death Spiral" while in the first days of his administration. It began with executive orders. Orders that seemed intent on undoing everything beneficial to our country created by President Trump.

Slow oil production, the Keystone pipeline debacle, while allowing Russia to increase its production, open the Southern border to illegal's, create the Biden crime family. The "Spiral" continues. No need to mention his myriad other failures. We hear of them daily. The "Spiral" is getting tighter and steeper.

Recent Poll's show approval ratings on all things important plummeting.

Joe, unknowingly, began a "Death Spiral" two years ago which has evolved into a "Death Wish". He is like the man digging himself into a hole and doesn't know when to stop. His "Spiral" while getting tighter and faster is also losing altitude. His loss of altitude is every pilot's nightmare. A crash is imminent. It may be too late to employ your parachute Joe!

Dr Paul J Minnillo  
Londonderry



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## Firefighter Honor the Fallen on 9-11

A short service took place at the Hicks-O'Brien Central Fire Station on Monday, Sept. 11 to pay respect to those tragically lost 22-years ago. Then, Deputy Chief Bo Butler, now chief, at upper left, led the ceremony by quoting the Gettysburg Address and also saying, "We must never forget. We must always remember and use that day as way that we can look back and recall as a day to motivate us, to keep us engaged and to live a life worthy of those sacrifices made by so many." The service ended with Call firefighter Bruce Kenison tolling the 5-5-5 bell and having the flag positioned at half-staff. The 5-5-5 bell is used when a firefighter is lost in the line of duty. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# School Board Review Policies, Accepts Resignations

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board had a number of policy readings during its Sept. 5 meeting.

One of the policies was in regards to the suspension and dismissal of employees.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said they were looking to make changes mostly because the language doesn't have anything laid out when it comes to the dismissal of employees.

Black explained that they consulted with lawyers who suggested that they keep the policy simple.

"Their main point was the prior policy afforded employees more

rights than are governed by the collective bargaining agreements and the law," Black wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Their advice was just to stick to those rights that are already in place and make a much more simplified policy for the School Board."

The language for the policy would read "Suspension and dismissal of employees shall be governed by individual contracts, applicable law, and the operative collective bargaining agreements."

The School Board approved sending the policy to a third reading.

The School Board also had policy readings for a second reading for

policies KD and KD-R, which are related to the school district social media platforms and the school district's social media websites regulations.

Black explained previously that the communications committee recommended the policy.

He explained that through the formal policy they will be able to have a more clear vision of what the regulations are, along with a "much better set of rules for public comment than we have now."

Black said when it comes to public comments, their lawyer said that ultimately if something is able to be said during a public com-

ment then they generally can be posted on Facebook comment sections.

The School Board unanimously approved sending the policies to a third policy reading.

The School Board also approved rescinding policy "GDPD", which is the Suspension and Dismissal of Employees.

"This policy is a duplicate of the one above and is ready to be rescinded by the School

Board," Black said.

In personnel news, the School Board accepted the retirement of Nancy Belanger, a Support Staff at Londonderry Middle School.

The board also accepted a number of resignations during the meeting including Elizabeth Colson, a Support Staff at South School, Rebekah Georgy, a Support Staff at Moose Hill, Brenna Gustitus, a Support Staff at South School, Katrina Lisi, a

Support Staff at the High School, Elizabeth Mahon, a Support Staff at Moose Hill, Jackelyne Monaghan, a Dining Services staff member at North School, Yolanda Reyes, a Dining Services staff member at North School, Erica Smith, a Support Staff at Moose Hill, and Sara Williams, a Support Staff at Moose Hill.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

## Moose Hill

Continued from page 1 would simply to not bring the proposals to voters this year.

"There could be many factors that lead the School Board to decide to not bring the project to the voters," Black said.

A second option would be to bring "the building project as one project solving many problems."

"Having one project to vote on will be the easiest plan to explain to the voters," Black said. "We would still need to explain that overcrowding and Full Day Kindergarten are two separate issues, but one project on the warrant basically says this is the cost to solve Moose Hill's problems long term."

A third option would be to have separate war-

rrent articles for voters to take a vote on what would solve different problems at the school.

He stated that the one advantage by going that route would be to allow voters who are in support of funding the overcrowding problem, but may not support all day kindergarten.

"The problem with this approach is it will create multiple warrant articles and will be harder to make clear what we are asking for from the voters," Black said. "The other problem is in theory some voters could vote to only solve full day kindergarten but not the overcrowding problem, which we do not have a good plan for at this time."

Black added that one factor will be kindergarten enrollment going forward.

"Obviously, the cur-

rent drop in kindergarten enrollment changes the dynamic of all the planning that has gone into the building project up to this point," Black said. "The current conceptual design was built around a range of enrollment from 260 to 300 Kindergarten students (with some room to potentially go one or two kindergarten classrooms higher if needed)."

He explained that once there is a "better grasp on a new longer term projected enrollment for kindergarten, we could update our assumptions around the conceptual plans to be smaller in scale as needed."

School Board member, Amanda Butcher, said she wanted to see the proposal as one warrant article in March.

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said he wants the discussion to be revisited in October and wants to hear from the Kindergarten Committee and Moose Hill Building Committee.



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# Cheerleading

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ous program of academic instruction in Londonderry, and the educational component of these extra-curriculars cannot be put aside. When we receive allegations that a program's overall culture is perpetuating mistreatment of students, we must act swiftly. To that end, the board is in the process of securing an independent investigator to conduct an investigation into these allegations. The cheerleading coaching staff is currently on paid administrative

leave and will remain on leave until the conclusion of the investigation." "While the investigation is ongoing, it is important to know the following: first, there has been no finding of any wrongdoing in the cheerleading program. If the investigation concludes that misconduct has occurred, administration will address that misconduct through typical disciplinary channels. Second, while we know that suspension of the cheerleading program impacts many peo-

ple in our school community, it is critical that we allow the investigator to do their job and that we not participate in gossip, rumors or speculation. Any student-conduct that amounts to bullying or retaliation should be reported to the appropriate administrator and will be addressed accordingly. Third, while your student's conduct in school matters, please also be mindful of their conduct on the internet. Board Policy JICK extends to cyberbullying, and administration will address those allegations

through its typical process." The release ended with, "Every administrator and School Board member in Londonderry has the shared goal of helping students succeed in a caring, supportive learning environment. Where the integrity of that environment has been compromised, it is incumbent upon all of us to determine what went wrong and how we fix it. We look forward to resolving this matter as quickly as possible and we thank you all for your commitment to making LHS a safe and respectful environment for all

students." According to Capt. Patrick Cheetham, the Londonderry Police Department, as of Tues-

day morning, Sept. 12, the local police are not involved in the investigation.

# Fire Chief

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the board that after serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq, one year after 9-11, and serving for eight years in the military, Bo became a call firefighter in 2002. In 2005, he became a fire fighter, holding a number of ranks during his tenure. He was named as Lieutenant, Battalion Chief, and Deputy Fire Chief during his service to the Londonderry Fire Department.

of transparency and accountability even for himself. The men and women he leads trust him, so do I." Malaguti added, "In my tenure as Town Manager, I have had the privilege to nominate five department heads, who now lead almost half of the town's departments." He added that Bo deserves a place as part of that group of the town's most trusted employees. After Malaguti's recommendation, Bo took a moment to thank the other candidate for Chief, Fred Heinrich, for being a "true professional" and said Heinrich has

set an example for him on what it means to be a leader. Butler promised that with the new position, he would always give department personnel the support they need to help save lives and protect property in the town. He said, "I will always put my people first because without them, they cannot pride the level of service that this town provides for all of us." Butler also told those listening, "The town of Londonderry has given me everything. It has

given me my childhood, growing up I didn't have a lot, but my family has always had catholic love for one another." He also said that despite being offered full-ride scholarships to play lacrosse at West Point, Loyola Marymount, and UMass Amherst he chose to serve his country. He finished by saying that he promises to provide the best service possible to the community. The council voted 4-0 to confirm the appointment of Butler as the new Fire Chief.

# OBITUARY

## Rachel Ann Greenberg



Rachel Ann Greenberg was born in Beth Israel Hospital, Bloomfield, CT on Jan. 24, 1976. She passed away gently in her sleep on Sept. 8, 2023, at home surrounded by her parents as they said a heartfelt good-by, with her mom holding her hand.

Rachel was a wonderful, sweet, happy child and adult. Born with Down Syndrome, she enjoyed every day of her too short life. Our family moved to Newmarket, NH in 1983. After checking out her room, she walked around our new neighborhood looking for her prospective new friends. She soon found them and was a joyful member of the local Girl Scout Troop for 8 years. She loved camping with her friends, singing around the campfire and snuggling into her sleeping bag.

Rachel joined her mother's women's service organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs - Exeter Area GFWC. She thoroughly enjoyed meeting the club women for supper and mingling with the members at each meeting. She was proud to wear her membership pin. She was well known throughout the many other women's clubs that she visited with her mother and was warmly greeted and wholeheartedly welcomed wherever she went.

Rachel was an avid basketball player. Sunday practices led to the Special Olympics games each spring, which she eagerly looked forward to. It was a joy to watch her race back and forth on the court, with both teammates and opposing team members helping her shoot for the basket! She was an enthusiastic dancer and loved the monthly and holiday dances with her friends, always in a new, sparkly party dress.

Rachel loved to shop; she was quite a fashionista! The ladies in many stores knew Rachel and enjoyed chatting with her while she picked out a new Vera Bradley purse or new item of clothing. Annie's Hallmark and Talbot's were her favorites. Thank you, ladies. She was a young aficionado of eating out at restaurants - which lasted throughout her life. We are grateful to the waitresses at the Coach Stop for their happiness and kindness during our frequent meals there over many years.

Rachel was an independent young lady. She worked for 15 years at the Londonderry Moose Hill LEEP program as an aide. She helped the children with their tasks, served their snacks and helped clean up. Discussing soap operas with the teachers during lunch was a highlight of her days. She always knew which characters had been kidnapped! She was also her mom's travel buddy. Over 30 trips to visit family in Colorado were always much anticipated. She was eager to pull up to the kitchen bar and wait for her Uncle Bob's famous breakfasts.

She was strongly and deeply loved by her parents Nancy and Nate, her brother Adam and his wife Joelle, rambunctious nephew Ari, her Aunt Linda, Uncle Bob, Uncle Dean, Uncle David, Uncle Ed, cousins Chelsea and Kailynn and many, many friends. She will be forever missed by all. She also was a bright light in the eyes and lives of loving family members who pre-deceased her - her brother Nick, grandparents and her many aunts and uncles.

There are no services planned at this time. If desired, please send any donations in her honor and memory to Our Place, a safe and caring residence for adults with disabilities that is in the planning stages. This is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that is currently under a signed lease agreement to purchase the property. Donations can be made online at [www.ourplacenh.org](http://www.ourplacenh.org) or checks can be made out to Our Place, PO Box 65, Dover, NH 03821. We will be forever grateful for the support we have received from family and friends throughout the past two difficult years. A huge thanks also to Amedisys Hospice for their care and compassion for us all. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# Matthew Thornton Hosts a Back-to-School Social



The students attending the Back-to-School Social at Matthew Thornton Elementary had plenty to choose from this year. Normally the event features just ice cream, but this year they had a variety of food trucks and a cotton candy stand to choose from as they met up with friends, family and classmates. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Boys' Soccer Adds Two More Shutout Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team added two more shutout victories last week, for their fourth of the season, and headed into the third week with a 4-1 record.

The Lancers' week

started on Tuesday, Sept. 5, after coming off a 1-1 road trip, where they were edged out by Nashua South, but bounced back with a 4-0 win at Portsmouth.

On Tuesday, Londonderry was able to best Salem High School's Blue Devils by a score of 4-0 by domi-

nating that team on ball possession for much of the 80-minutes of play.

The team scored two unanswered goals in each of half of play.

In the first half, junior Brett McKinnon assisted senior Jacob Nussdorf at 11:31 to give LHS the 1-0 lead.

Eight minutes later, at 19:23 in the first, Aidan Board was able land his first varsity goal by scoring on a penalty kick after Tiago Keyes was fouled in the box heading in for what looked to be a sure goal.

Leading 2-0 to start the second half, it took just a minute for junior Tiago Keyes to make it 3-0 with his first varsity goal. The assist went to senior, Aidan White.

The final score of the game came from Nussdorf, at 47:21, who was assisted by McKinnon.

Lancers' senior tender, Jason Reilly, made seven saves in the game, while the Salem goalie was kept busy with 13 saves.

Head coach, Todd Ellis, was happy with the win, commenting,

"We followed up our Portsmouth game with a better team possession game, and had more players contributing. It was nice to see Aidan and Tiago get their first varsity goals, and our defenders Jason Vogel, Matt Doyle, Aidan Board, Crosby Nolan, Conor Koza, Parker Lewis, and Evan Fortin play roles in preserving the shut out. Jason did a good job in net and made a couple of key stops as well."

After the win, Londonderry finished the week with another strong performance, beating the Bedford Bulldogs at home on Friday night, 2-0.

The win gave Bedford their second loss of the season, putting them at 2-2 for the season.

McKinnon managed to get both of the Lon-



Senior Jacob Nussdorf had a goal and an assist against Salem last week.

donderry goals, getting unassisted breakaway goals at 36:54 in the first half and one at 49:53 in the second.

Weather was a factor in the game, with strong downpours ending just before the **continued on page 12**



Junior Brett McKinnon has played a part in much of the Lancers scoring so far this season.

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# Lancers Travel to Bay State for Their Second Victory

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Football team traveled to Chelmsford Mass., on Saturday night and had another very successful game.

The Lancers shutout the Lions 41-0 in a contest that was delayed from the previous night due to a power failure.

Londonderry scored twice in each of the first three quarters, missing on just one point-after attempt.

The LHS squad saw success in six of their nine drives in the game and stopped Chelmsford in all nine of their drives, including two interceptions.

Londonderry had a total of 362-yards on the ground with Cam Brutus leading the way with 123-yards. Jake Schena finished with 90-yards, while Adrian Cruz



*Sam Ogden had a 49-yard pass completion to end the first half in Chelmsford, Mass.*

totaled 76-yard.

Five LHS receivers totaled 133-yards in the air on seven attempts with Damon Dawson getting the longest reception at 49-yards.

The first TD came after nine plays to start the game. Conor Williams dropped back to the 37-yard line and completed a throw to

Seth Doyon who then ran the ball in from the four-yard line.

Blake Thompson missed the first point after attempt of the game, but split the uprights from that point on.

In the second Lancers series in the first quarter, another nine plays were needed before hitting pay dirt in another pass play to Doyon. This time, Sam Ogden threw a 20-yard completion for the 12-0 lead.

The third Londonderry touchdown only took three plays, as the quarterback, Brutus, ran in on a keeper for a 52-yard touchdown. The Thompson extra-point made it 20-0 early in the second.

In the Lancers fifth drive of the game, head coach, Jimmy Lauzon, used three quarterbacks in seven-plays to get into the Lions endzone.

Ogden ended the half with an exclamation point, throwing a 49-yard touchdown pass to Dawson and LHS took a 27-0 lead going into the half.

In the third quarter, Londonderry added two more touchdowns, first with Brutus getting a 53-

yard run into the endzone at 2:12, then Schena made it 40-0 to finish the quarter with a 63-yard run.

Thompson finished the Lancers scoring with another successful point after attempt.

The 2-0 Londonderry Lancers squad will

resume its Division I quest at home on Friday night, Sept. 15, against Manchester Central High School (1-1).

The Little Green lost to Alvirne 7-44 in their first game of the season, but beat Goffstown 18-12 on Saturday night.

## Lancers Cross Country Teams Compete at Bobcat Invitational

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams kicked off their seasons over the weekend competing at the Bobcat Invitational, which was hosted by Oyster River High School at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee.

Overall, the boys' varsity team had a fifth place finish with 144-points with 16-teams competing at the annual event.

Belmont Hill School finished first with 84-points, Bedford finished in second with 90-points, the host, Oster River was third with 135, and Exeter came in just above LHS with 141-points.

The Lancers top boys varsity runners were: Sophomore Josh

Twomey who finished in 14th with a time of 18:06.3; sophomore Carson Fitzgerald with a 24th place finish at 18:40.4; In 25th, sophomore Jack DiBuono came in at 18:46.5; senior Will Buckley was 40th at 19:31.3; junior Alex Vaccaro had a 43rd place finish at 19:38.6; and sophomore Cash Robles had a time of 20:57.8 for 72nd.

Boys' head coach, Matt Smith, was impressed with the improvements made this season. Saying, "Overall it was a good day for us. Despite the hot, humid conditions on a really tough course, a lot of guys made big improvements from last year at this meet. In some cases, one to two and even three minutes faster than 2022. The guys feel good about the

work they've done, and they'll take a lot of confidence from this race into the coming weeks. We were right there with Oyster River and Exeter. Those are two teams we'll need to be successful against later in the season in order to achieve our goals."

The girls' varsity team had seven runners crossing in a bunch.

Junior Sayde White finished in 50th with a time of 24:29.4; sophomore Drewanne Sherman was 53rd at 24:35.6; senior Amara Williams had a time of 24:46.3 for 56th; sophomore Alera Tonniges was 58th at 25:01.2; sophomore Ella DiBuono was 79th at 27:09.7; senior Charley Fitzgerald had a time of 27:14.5 to finish in the 80th spot; and senior Kyra Courtmanche was 85th at 28:16.2.

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# Londonderry Field Hockey Squad Tallies Two More Wins



Sophomore Alison Chambers had lead off goals in both of last week's games. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Field Hockey squad is off to a very nice start to the 2023 Fall season, winning four of five of their initial games.

After starting the first week with a 2-1 record, the Lancers tacked on two more victories last week to head into their third week at 4-1.

The LHS squad has outscored their opponents 14-4 in that period and look to improve greatly on last year's record of 7-8.

Last week, on Wednesday, Sept. 6, Londonderry took on the Lady Tomahawks of Merrimack High School, shutting out the MHS team by a score of 3-0.

The first Londonderry goal of the game came from sophomore Alison Chambers on a pass from junior Ava Naar. Chambers took the pass from in front of the goal and back-handed a shot into the back of the

net at 11:16 in the first period.

The second goal came early in the second period from junior Ava Windisch, who knocked in a goal after a rebound went off the pads of the MHS goalie after a long shot was taken by senior Ashleigh Leone.

The final point of the game came by way of a penalty stoke taken by senior Taylor McKinnon at 8:45 in the second period.

Sophomore goal tender, Abigail Cook, needed to make just one save in securing the shutout.

Merrimack goalie had eight saves in the game.

The following day, Londonderry headed for Stellos Stadium, in Nashua, where they took on the Purple Panthers of Nashua South and defeated that squad 2-1.

Londonderry took the lead on another back-hand shot taken by Chambers just in front of the Panthers net.

Windisch once again got the second goal of the game for her team.

Abigail Cook made two saves and Molly Tharrington blocked five shots on the Lancers net.

Londonderry will try to keep the wins rolling in this week with three games scheduled to take place.

On Monday, Sept. 11, they were looking to hand the Dover Green Wave their first loss of

the season.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, they took on another undefeated team, when they traveled to Windham High School to face the Jaguars.

Their week finishes up in Londonderry on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. when they will take on the winless Timberlane Owls.

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Sept. 4



**Brett McKinnon  
Junior, Boys Soccer**

Brett is off to a good start this season. He has recorded five goals and three assists in the first five games of the season, and has also scored at least a point in four of the five games. He scored both goals in the recent win over Bedford.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department  
— A female athlete was not submitted this week —

## OBITUARY

### Gene Munson Hoyt



Gene Munson Hoyt, a resident of Londonderry, NH, passed away Tuesday Aug. 29, at the age of 91. She was born in Stamford, CT on Feb. 9, 1932, a daughter of the late Harold and Marjorie (McIntosh) Munson. She had resided in North Haven, CT, and Moultonborough, NH before moving to Londonderry 4 years ago.

Gene's youth was spent enjoying sailing, skiing, and playing the violin and piano. In high school she became a Mariner Scout and a cheerleader. Gene graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS in Home Economics. At college she was an active member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and the Ski Club. It was in the Ski Club where she met her future husband, Russell Hoyt. After their marriage in 1953, Gene stayed home to raise her children. She and the family were very active in outdoor activities including skiing, camping, canoeing, backpacking, and sailing. She also enjoyed volunteering for the American Red Cross and scouting organizations. Summers were spent at the family camp on Bear Island, Lake Winnepesaukee. After her husband's retirement in 1982, they built their retirement home and relocated to Moultonborough, NH. While enjoying lake living, they remained active by participating in many outdoor activities including snowmobiling, skiing, motor home trips, and cruises. Gene was known to be loving, hardworking, independent, diligent, and persistent and inspired her family to be the same.

Gene will be sadly missed by her three children, Neil R. Hoyt (Lyn) of Lahaina, HI, Susan H. Relihan (Don) of Orange, CT, and Gail H. Gardocki (Bill) of Londonderry. Gene left a lasting cherished influence on her grandchildren, Amy, Brian, Tom, and Laura. Gene leaves four great-grandchildren, Colson, Ava, Owen, and Anna. She was predeceased by her husband Russell, brother, Harold D. Munson, Jr. and by her sister, Gail Elliott.

Following cremation, the family will have a celebration of life at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to The New England Ski Museum online at <https://newenglandskimuseum.org> donate or to the Loon Preservation Committee at <https://loon.org/donate>. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# Lancers Volleyball Drop Home Opener to Green Wave

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After winning the first match of the season in straight sets at Spaulding High School, the Londonderry High School Girls' Volleyball squad was

defeated in straight sets against a very good Dover High School squad.

The Lady Lancers were scheduled to play their second match of the season at Merrimack High School, on Wednesday, Sept. 6, but that match was postponed due to excessive heat. That contest was rescheduled for Oct. 4.

Two days later, on another very hot night in the LHS gym, the Londonderry squad was looking to hand the Green Wave of Dover High School their first defeat, and despite making two of the three sets very exciting for the fans, the Lancers fell in three straight.

In each of the first two sets, the Lancers were within a few points of winning, but Dover showed their resilience for the victories.

In the first set, LHS was down by as much as eight-points, but was able to go ahead 23-22 with some strong serving by senior Libby Bono.

Unfortunately, the lead didn't hold and LHS fell 25-23.

The second set was equally frustrating for the home team. After getting behind early, they worked their way back to a lead and held

it for much of that game, but in the end fell 26-24.

The final set went to Dover 25-14.

Sophomore Annie Williams was able to tally eight kills in the home opener.

Fellow senior, Ally McGonagle, notched seven kills and had two blocks, while sophomore Riley Campo finished with eight kills.

The team was scheduled to play Windham High School on the road on Monday, Sept. 11. They will play their second home game on Wednesday, Sept. 13 against the the Keene Black Birds, followed by a game in Hampton, on Friday night, against the Winnacunnet Warriors.

*Please note: In last week's volleyball article, the Londonderry Times inadvertently missed listing senior libero, Abby Harrington.*



Lancers senior, Ally McGonagle, at the net with one of her seven kills during the team's home opener against Dover High School.



Annie Williams, left, and Riley Campo go up for a block during the Friday night home opener against Dover. Photos by Chris Paul

## Soccer

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game started and then rain caused the game to be stopped by the officials 10-minutes into the second half.

Junior keeper, Noah Cello, made five stops

for Londonderry, while the Bedford tender made just one save.

Ellis commented after the game, "Bedford is a very talented team and really controlled possession the first 15-minutes. After that we settled in and

balanced out the game."

He added, "Brett scored two great break-aways, the defense played well against a talented offense, and Noah made some great decisions in net. It was still great to see the kids excited about their accomplishment."

The Lancers were scheduled to play at Keene High School on Tuesday, Sept. 12, followed by a home contest against Dover on Thursday night, Sept. 14, starting at 6 p.m. The Green Wave is currently at 1-2 this season.

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## Free Meals

Free Community Meals being served in September are as follows: Breakfast on Sept. 16 from 8 - 10 a.m., indoors as part of Derry Fest at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry. Donations gratefully accepted for information call 603-434-4767; Dinner on Sept. 17 from 3 - 4:30 p.m., indoors, at Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS"), 1-1.2 Hood Road, Derry, for information call 603-432-0004; Breakfast on Sept. 24 from 9 - 10 a.m., indoors at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT"), 1 Hood Rd., Derry for infor-

mation call 603-432-2120; Lunch on Sept. 24 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., indoors at St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, for information call 603-432-3333; Dinner To Go on Sept. 29 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, for information call 603-434-0628; On Sept. 30, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Pick up Breakfast & Basic Needs Items at Mercurio Family, Masonic Lodge at 58 East Broadway, Derry for information call 603-475-3852.

## Lets Play Tennis

Londonderry tennis Camp will be continuing lessons into the fall beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19 and running every Tuesday and Thursday for three weeks until Oct. 5. Participants, age seven and up will be

grouped by age and ability. The cost is \$180 for six lessons. Contact Roberta Davis at [londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com](mailto:londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

## Golf Outing

On Sept. 16, at 9 a.m. American Legion Post 27 will hold a Jerry Dea Golf Outing at Hidden Valley Campground. This is a 4 person scramble with food at the Post after. \$60 per player and see Trish or on-duty bartender to sign up.

## Those Guys Show

On Sept. 30, Those Guys will be performing from 7 - 11 p.m., at American Legion Post 27 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. A great 2 man band that has been together for 30 years. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend as well

## Drop Off Center

The Londonderry Drop Off Center will be closed on Wednesdays after Sept. 6. It will be open on Saturdays ONLY until Nov. 18. For more information please call (603) 432-1100 x193.

## Voter Information

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

correct the checklist and register voters on: Sept. 20, from 6 - 7 p.m., To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

## NEA Big Read

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

on Andrew Krivak's The Bear. An evening book discussion will also be offered at Leach Library on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Registration for the book discussion sessions is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. Participation is limited to 25 participants per book discussion. To register and pick up a copy of the book, please visit the Leach Library main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132. To further explore The Bear's survivalist theme, the Leach Library will welcome Jake King from Thrive Outdoors for a presentation on "Surviving in the Wilderness" on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Registration for the event will open on Thursday, Sept. 7. For a complete list of Big Read partner organizations and more information about Big Read events in NH, visit [www.nhhumanities.org/bigread](http://www.nhhumanities.org/bigread), or contact NH Humanities at (603) 224-4071 or email [info@nhhumanities.org](mailto:info@nhhumanities.org).

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The Leach Library and Derry Public Library are teaming up to bring you Jeff Belanger's Ghosts and Legends program at the

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - Sept. 4

**12:41 a.m.** Four officers respond to report of Suspicious Activity at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**2:39 a.m.** Weapons Offenses investigated by six officers on Sparhawk Drive at Owl Road.

**3:43 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an arrest made at the 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road. Michael Chiarello, 42, of Somerville, MA, charged with Resisting Arrest/Detention.

**11:01 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

**3:11 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport

**6:36 p.m.** Trespassing investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

#### Tuesday - Sept. 5

**12:57 a.m.** Seven officers investigate a Sudden Death on Hovey Road.

**7:31 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Winding Pond Road.

**7:37 a.m.** Services rendered for Car Break-Ins on Old Nashua Road.

**12:48 p.m.** Three officers respond to report of Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry South School on South Road.

**1:36 p.m.** Weapons Offenses investigated at The Baldwin Senior Living on Woodmont Avenue.

**4:14 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Josephine Drive.

#### Wednesday - Sept. 6

**8:42 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Bryson London, 30, of Manchester, charged

with Driving After Revoked/Suspension.

**10:40 a.m.** Disturbance at the Rite-Aid on Nashua Road investigated by three officers.

**12:03 p.m.** Services Rendered for a Welfare Check on Litchfield Road.

#### Thursday - Sept. 7

**2:24 a.m.** Sudden Death Investigated by three officers on Black Forest Circle.

**5:30 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**5:59 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**7:31 a.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on Wallace Circle.

**8:08 a.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Raven Terrace.

**12:39 p.m.** Services rendered

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### Pokémon TCG Card Swap

On Saturday, Sept. 23, Pokémon Trading Card

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

### Drop-In Tech Help

Curious about reserving library materials online from home? Want to learn

how to access our various databases and digital collections? Looking to get started with Libby and Hoopla? Need help navigating a new device? The Leach Library reference staff has you covered. Starting in September, just stop in any Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon the staff will provide one-on-one assistance tailored to your technology-related needs. For more information no appointment is necessary or to make an appointment for another time, please call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Cookbook Potluck

Love to cook and bake? Then this is the perfect program for you. On Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the Leach Library prepare and share a recipe from either The Apple Cookbook by Olwen Woodier or The Apple Lover's Cookbook by Amy Traverso, and bring it in to the Leach Library for a potluck. The library can-

not guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration is required and began on Monday, Aug. 21. Please visit the library's main desk to reserve a recipe and check out a cookbook.

### Children's Book Bingo

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

### Mad Hatter Tea Party

Teens and tweens are cordially invited to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Participants will decorate cookies and enjoy a refreshing beverage at this

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

### Lost in Wonderland Maze

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

### "Library After Dark" Movie Night

On Friday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m., Leach Library will host an after-hours movie night in the main reading

room. Join Johnny Depp and Alice in Wonderland in the 2010 live-action remake of an animated classic (rated PG). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Sept. 22. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Meet Your Neighbors

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

## Police Log

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dered for an Assault on High Range Road.

**2:27 p.m.** Criminal Mis-chief investigated at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

**3:55 p.m.** The violation of a Protective Order leads to an arrest made by three officers at the Londonderry High School. Benjamin Santello, 61, of Londonderry, charged with: Stalking - Notice of Order; and Breach of Bail.

**5:23 p.m.** Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Teton Drive.

**9:23 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for Suspicious Activity on Fieldstone Drive.

### Friday - Sept. 8

**12:36 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident on Hardy Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Ryan Tilly, 27, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Conduct After an Accident.

**7:57 a.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Sherwood Road.

**5:12 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with the transportation of subject to a hospital from Button Drive.

**5:30 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at Young Road leads to two arrests made by four officers. Joseph Titus, 34, of Medford, Mass., charged with: Disobeying an Officer; Misuse of Plates; Drive After Revoked/Suspension - Admin License Suspension; and arrested on a Warrant. Jessica Anne Henderson, 34, of Malden, MA, arrested on a Warrant.

**11:14 p.m.** Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transport to a hospital from Walton Circle.

### Saturday - Sept. 9

**10:07 a.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Sunflower Lane.

**10:44 a.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Heron Drive.

**11:09 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Rite-Aid on Nashua Road.

**12:54 p.m.** A building check on Perimeter Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Patrick Dunigan, 36, Homeless, charged with Criminal Trespass.

**3:24 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated by three officers on Ashley Drive.

**5:11 p.m.** A motor vehicle complaint on Nashua Road at Gilcreast Road leads to an arrest made by six officers. Paul Brophy, 62, of Londonderry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**7:04 p.m.** Services rendered on Cross Road for Sex Offenses.

**7:34 p.m.** Assault investigated on Anthony Drive at High Range Road.

**8:32 p.m.** A motor vehicle stop at Home Depot, on Nashua Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Philip Arndt, 34, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving after Revoke/Suspension - Reckless Driving.

### Sunday - Sept. 10

**12:52 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road at Harvest Moon Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Edward Hewitt, 29, of Manchester, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

## Londonderry Historical Society Offers Weekend Programs

On Saturday Sept. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. the Londonderry Historical Society (LHS) is offering a Hot Wax Painting Demonstration. LHS member and artist John Webster will provide a demonstration of hot wax painting.

On Sunday, Sept. 17 also from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be an Open House. Buildings and grounds will be open for tours, and society members will be on hand to share information on the history of the town and our historic buildings. Learn the secrets of 19th century farming, see the

**5:51 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Justin Circle.

**8:57 a.m.** Arrest made while four officers assist a citizen on Litchfield Road. Aaron Thurber, 20, of Hooksett, charged with the Violation of a Protective

tools that a blacksmith used, and tread the floorboards of our 250-year-old Morrison House.

Also on Sunday, starting at 10 a.m. there will be a walk through a hidden corner of the Musquash Conservation Area. LHS member and local historian David Ellis will lead a hike through some of Londonderry's historic conservation land. During the hike you'll discover an old cellar hole, follow a long-abandoned roadway, visit a large rock that played a role in marking the original boundary between NH and MA, and hear about

Order.

**1:06 p.m.** Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

**6:53 p.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat on Pleasant Drive investigated by four officers.

the Native Americans who originally lived in the area. Parts of the route are off trail, so sturdy shoes are recommended.

The LHS buildings are located at 140 Pillsbury Road site, including the c. 1760 Morrison House, the 1859 Parmenter Barn, the 1840 R.P. Clark Blacksmith Shop, and the Annis-Reynolds Carriage Shed. For more information, visit [www.londonderryhistory.org](http://www.londonderryhistory.org) or find them on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety).



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