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Hauling Off History

Vincent Vacca, an antique dealer from Chester, purchased one of the turn of the century horse drawn carriages for sale at the estate sale taking place at the property of Reed and Phylis Clark over the weekend. The carriages have been stored in the barn on Stonhenge Road for generations. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Benjamin Bennett Named as the New Town Planner

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's new Town Planner is Benjamin Bennett, who is originally from Jacksonville, Florida, was hired for the position in September.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, was originally hired for this position last year follow-

ing the departure of Colleen Mailloux before Caron was promoted to her role as Assistant Town Manager/ Director of Economic Development.

Bennett said he attended Jacksonville University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a specialization in economics

and sustainability. He then went to the University of Florida where he earned a masters in Urban and Regional Planning, with a focus in housing, community, and economic development.

When asked about what led him to become a planner, Bennett said

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Varsity Cheerleading Team Remain Under Investigation

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Cheerleading squad will remain suspended while further investigation takes place according to an announcement made during the Monday night, Sept. 25 School Board meeting.

Members made the decision to reinstate the Junior Varsity Cheerleading program, but said the varsity squad will remain on hold for another two-weeks while investigators continue to look into bullying issues.

Chairman, Bob Slater,

told the audience attending the meeting they had met with the school's attorney just before the meeting and determined more time is needed to look into the allegations brought up earlier in the month on bullying with the program.

Slater read from a prepared statement, "We thank you all for your patience as the district works through this investigation in the cheerleading program. 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."

He added, "The investigator is not yet able to make such a statement with regard to the varsity cheer team. To date, the investigator has conducted interviews with 20 individuals over the course of 24 interview sessions. She estimates that she has approximately 12 interviews remaining and she continues to narrow the allegations."

He also said the remaining interviews will be conducted over the next two-weeks and she will present preliminary findings to the board on Oct. 9, before

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Town Council Get Update on Progress of Exit 4A

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The Town Council received an update regarding the I-93 Exit 4A project during its Sept. 11 meeting.

Wendy Johnson, a Project Manager with the NH Department of Transportation, explained that this Fall/Winter they are going to continue constructing best management practices and are going to continue the ramp and noise barrier construction.

"The north bond noise barriers are anticipated to be completed this Fall with the equipment moving to the

southbound barrier once the northbound is complete," Johnson said. She said they also hope to complete the median pier bridge and hope to begin to set some bridge gridders.

For the Winter/Spring of 2024, they are going to continue the southbound work, Johnson said.

In the Summer, the plan is to construct the overhead signs, build the bridge over I-93 using night time lane closure, having final pavement insulation, and having final pavement markers, signs, and signals installed.

"Then in the Fall of 2024 the project will be complete," Jonson said.

Johnson noted that the estimated cost hasn't changed for the project.

"It's still at 53.96 million," she said.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, asked when the sound barriers

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Utilities Committee Give First Presentation to Town Council

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The Utilities Committee gave its first official presentation at the Sept. 11 Town Council meeting. Utilities Chair, Lynn Wiles, was there to bring the Council up to date on the state of town services.

"The Committee was authorized back in January, we had our first meeting in March, and we are now at full strength with seven full-time members and three alternate members."

The presentation focused on energy, with

a community aggregation plan and a proposal from the Twin States Clean Energy Link.

The Community Choice Power Aggregation Program has been an ongoing project for some time before stalling out, although Lynn reported they are finally ready to move forward.

"I think aggregation has the potential to be a real benefit to the citizens of Londonderry, when our bills went up last spring from Ever-source, looking at other suppliers, we could've saved," Lynn explained, giving his recommenda-

tion with the hope an aggregation plan might be ready by summer 2024.

In fact, Lynn previously met with Freedom Energy Logistics, their partner Colonial Power Group, and the Aggregation Committee in Hudson to get a better idea of what new energy partners might be able to offer Londonderry. Aggregation would give the town more leverage with energy providers and there is an opt-out for residents.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, agreed with the recommendation,

calling it a "low-risk proposition. If we don't like the rate or terms of the offering, we have the ability to correct course."

Lynn was less confident about the Twin States proposal.

"This was the project to bring clean hydro-power down from Quebec, they were proposing putting in a new substation," he explained. "It's really early in the project, Twin Suns has a lot of hurdles: regulatory hurdles, financing hurdles, and engineering they have to get over before this project is fea-

sible."

Twin Suns were hoping for a formal endorsement from Londonderry officials to overcome some of these hurdles, although the Utilities Committee opposed any such endorsement owing to a lack of knowledge. Lynn noted a new substation would require new, higher poles and two miles of wiring that would have an unknown impact.

"They're proposing it in an area where it's really wet with some conservation land, the Utilities Committee doesn't know enough, and our recom-

mendation to the Council is to just keep an eye on where this is going."

Recently, Twin Suns had a poorly advertised meeting at the senior center.

"Didn't we tell Twin Suns that if they had something to notify the Council?" asked Town Council Chairman, John Farrell. "Maybe we need to remind them."

Farrell expressed concern about the impact the project might have and promised to pay closer attention to all electricity infrastructure projects moving forward.

Town Council Confirm Tara Koza as Human Resources Director

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Before the Town Council voted unanimously to confirm Bo Butler as the next fire chief, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, asked the Town Council to do the same for Tara Koza in the human resources department.

Malaguti explained that last Summer that then Assistant Town Manager, Lisa Drabik, left to take a different position with the city of Manchester, which also meant there was a void

for the human resources director position.

He said that Koza was promoted to human resources manager, "but one not at the department head level."

Malaguti told the Town Council she has essentially been doing the role as department head after assuming more duties.

"It's time to make it official," Malaguti said.

He said she has been a valuable member of the administration.

"Tara has been one of the most important

members of my senior leadership team over the past year," Malaguti said.

He also told the Town Council that she is the "ultimate team player" and is willing to go beyond her duties to lend a hand.

As Malaguti transitioned in his new role, he said Koza helped advise him on a number of different things, including when it comes to human resources.

Malaguti noted that when there has been stress and emotions in the workplace, "Tara has

always maintained poise and professionalism. She has done her job with integrity under the most difficult circumstances. She's knowledgeable, organized and efficient."

He said that while Koza is part of the senior management team, "it's less well known

that she advocates tirelessly for the wellbeing of our workforce."

Malaguti also noted that Koza is known around Town Hall for her label maker, colorful folders, and well organized spreadsheets.

"Most importantly she's empathic and

kind," Malaguti said.

He added: "Londonderry would be worse off without Tara overseeing the town's human resources function. She deserves to be recognized for her work."

Koza, following Malaguti's nomination speech, said "It's been an honor and a privilege serving in my role for the last six and a half years in Londonderry."

As a resident of Londonderry, she said "It's really important to me to be able to support the people who support this town and I view that as my job here."

Koza also thanked Malaguti and Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, for their support.

"It's a privilege to be here," Koza said.

The Town Council voted unanimously to approve the confirmation of Koza as the Human Resources Director.

OBITUARY

Lynda I. Morin

Lynda I. Morin, 77, of Derry, NH, passed away Monday Sept. 18, 2023, in the Parkland Medical Center, Derry. She was born on Aug. 4, 1946, in Lowell, MA, a daughter of the late George and Hilda (Parent) Halligan and had been a resident of Derry for the past 38 years, formerly living in Lowell, MA.

Lynda is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Ronald Morin of Derry; son, Jeffrey J. Morin; daughter, Jennifer Sarcione; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Lynda was predeceased by her stepdaughter, Deirdre Morin, as well as her cousin Carl Parent.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Wednesday Sept. 27, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Celebration of life will follow at AJ's Sports Bar and Grill, 11 Tracy Lane, Hudson NH. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to any charity of their choice. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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Planning Board Discuss Multi-Phased School Projects

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Four school district projects were proposed to be included in the Londonderry Capital Improvement Plan.

One of the projects was Phase I of the Moose Hill expansion project, which has an intended purpose of addressing the overcrowding problem at the school, along with Phase II of the project, which has the goal of expanding the building to accommodate all day kindergarten in Londonderry.

While the numbers aren't finalized, the cost of Phase I for the Moose Hill project had a cost of \$16.8 million as it was presented to the CIP committee during the Summer, and Phase II had an amount of \$12.3 million.

Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, said they decided to propose it as separate projects in case the School Board

decides to propose just the addition on the warrant article and not full day kindergarten.

"Moose Hill is over capacity right now," McKenney said, noting that in some cases they have students working in the hallways.

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said another issue is that different programs and the way kindergarten is taught now takes up more space than it once did.

"It's mainly for our programs," Slater said.

IB, the second project part of kindergarten, would be to have a place to house all day kindergarten if the town were to decide to go in that direction. Slater said the School Board is still considering whether to put it on the warrant article this year or not.

First, he said they are expected to hear a presentation from the Building Committee, a group of community members

in the trades and other construction related positions. The committee is in the process of reviewing all related materials.

Slater stated that they are expected to present to the School Board on Oct. 3

"Then we can make an educated decision," Slater said.

McKenney also noted that the district is one of five towns in the state without full-day kindergarten. Regardless, she said something needs to be done about the overcrowding.

"Kicking the can down the road is really not something we should be thinking about at this time," McKenney said.

McKenney also noted that if they were to go with a full day kindergarten they would get more adequacy funding from the state.

Another project being proposed is making renovations to the

high school.

McKenney explained that when the Trident Group recently did an assessment of the school district buildings they realized that major renovations are needed for the high school.

"I think it's really time we bring our high school up to par with neighboring communities," McKenney said.

McKenney said they proposed moving the ranking from a three last year to a two due to the safety concerns.

She also noted that there may be some building aid funds available from the state since one of the criteria is safety.

The other project reviewed during the workshop for the school district's office.

McKenney pointed out that they are currently renting a building and are in year six out of the 10 year lease.

She said the district

feels it makes sense to build a new building instead of leasing because of a number of reasons including the landlord having the potential to raise rent or selling the building.

"It's important to get the district office built," McKenney said.

However, McKenney said they agree with the ranking as a two, noting they feel it should come after Moose Hill.

Slater also noted that interest rates have gone up and the project's current budget for the project is about \$5.2 million.

Slater said he thinks the perfect spot for a new building would be next to Town Hall. He added that the School Board will likely be having a discussion about it in the Fall.

He said one concern is that costs continue to increase and interest rates might go up.

Slater said if they wanted to build a new

building the town or district didn't already own, it would cost the district about \$6 to \$8 million since they would have to pay for the property and potentially the site work.

"Basically just here is the building cost," Slater said about the Town Hall location.

It was also noted by Slater that they don't have options to renew the lease.

The Planning Board decided to keep the rankings the same heading into the Oct. 4 Public Hearing, which is when the board is expected to take a vote.

The Moose Hill 1A project was given a 'one' as the proposed ranking, which is "urgent-cannot be delayed."

The other three projects were given a score of 2, which means "Necessary needed within three years to maintain basic level and quality of community services."

Exit 4A

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for Trolley Car Lane are going to be put up.

"The sound barriers will go up after the northbound ones are complete," Jay Levine, a Contract Administrator for the NH Department of Transportation, said.

Levine stated that there have been some talks about adding a second crew, which would speed things up.

"That hasn't really been confirmed or not,"

he said.

He said worse case if they don't get a second crew then they should be up by August.

"I'm hoping to get a second drill crew," Levine said.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, noted that they have heard concerns about Trolley Car Lane and the shape that it is in. He added that once he heard those concerns, himself and Director of Engineering, John Trottier, visited the road the next day.

"Trolley Car is not in great shape, but it's not because of construction access to this project, its really because it's a wet area," Malaguti said, noting it's on their radar.

Another question raised came from Town Councillor, Ted Combes, who asked if when the project is completed in October it will mean that people would be able to use it and go towards Derry.

Johnson explained that the plan is for the A project to be constructed first and it was decid-

ed to do it that way so development could occur for places like Woodmont Commons.

She said the one caveat with it though was that the roadway wouldn't be open until the B project was ready to receive it.

The one exception, however, would be if Woodmont Commons was ready sooner.

"Unless Woodmont Commons came in sooner and then we would

open the ramp at that time," Johnson said.

In terms of construction for the B project, Johnson said the project is expected to begin construction this Summer and anticipate it would take about two years to complete.

If Woodmont was to be ready before October or before the B project is completed then they would open the roadway for Exit 4A earlier.

Malaguti explained

that himself and Assistant Town Manager/ Director of Economic Development, Kellie Caron, "are in touch with Woodmont regularly."

"They're actively marketing that side of the highway they have a few irons in the fire," Malaguti said, noting he thinks they will begin to see some activity there soon.

"Certainly we will advocate for the prompt opening of that as soon as its online," Malaguti said.



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Editorial

See You at the Library

As libraries go back longer hours and we head into next year's budget, let's make sure our libraries stay healthy for another year. The reason is simple; Patrons want more open hours at the library.

More residents are using the public library for many different reasons. While at a casual glance the action of adding money to our libraries could be interpreted as ignoring the economic hardship taxpayers face, a more accurate response is that as times get tough and money gets tight, residents are using their libraries more and more. This is a good thing. If there is a little extra money, we should think of giving to the library that only gives back to the residents.

Just as we don't believe newspapers will disappear, we don't think books will either. But as the cost of books increase and bookstores close, libraries become even more vital. Reading a good book brings a lot of satisfaction, something that's hard to duplicate.

People have questioned the usefulness of a library in recent years or a book in today's digital age, and we think they're totally off base. Libraries aren't stuck in the 19th century; with audio books for the computer, downloadable books for e-readers and computers, technology plays a major role in their offerings these days, meeting the needs of both the tech-savvy and those who want to hold a

book in their hands.

Think back, how many of us introduced our children to a love of reading when they were toddlers? Sitting with them at library story time sessions, then heading home with lots of picture books. A book brings comfort, when snuggling at bedtime to bond or escaping the stress of the day is better with a book than a device.

These days, most of us can't afford to spend money on entertainment. But there are numerous free programs offered at our public libraries ranging from movies to lectures to art shows, giving us options to get out of the house, spend time with others, and maybe learn something in the process. Often with a snack thrown in.

When hometown entertainment just won't do, most libraries offer free or reduced admission passes to museums in both NH and MA.

Remember where people gather when the power goes out in winter storms? The library. Kind of a definition of "community", isn't it? It also offers one of the only spaces people and groups can use to meet and gather for whatever reason.

We'd hate to see any of this go away. A library is the one place where we do get our money's worth. What we find is that, when money gets tight it is always one of the first places Government wants to cut, we turn to our local library more and more.

Visit the library today.



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Letters

Voter Checklist Errors

To the editor,

I have recently learned the Town of Londonderry's voter checklist is in need of immediate attention.

On 06/29/23 the Secretary of State provided the Londonderry Supervisors of the Checklist, with a memo for the Implementation of National Change of Address notices.

The memo stated that The Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) now provides users with a report derived from United States Postal Service (USPS) records on people who have permanently moved away from their domicile address. The Supervisors of the checklist in Londonderry were provided with specific instructions to strike out names of voters that had moved per this report. To date, the Supervisors of the Checklist have not cleaned our voter rolls per these instructions. A source at the SOS office states that there are still 1000 names on the list. Official meeting minutes obtained from the 08/16/23 Supervisor of the Checklist meeting had no mention of the memo, nor actions to be taken. The Meeting minutes obtained on 09/18/23 also was missing the list of any names removed from the checklist on 08/16 as required by law.

On 08/16/23 the Supervisors of the checklist published an "updated" voters list where non Londonderry residents were STILL on that list! How much time is needed to update a list of names where the names have already been provided? See the NH elec-

tion manual: 2022-2023, page 205-Permanent Moves Reported to USPS.

A constituent of Londonderry was able to obtain a list of voters from the USPS change of address system that showed voters who had moved out of Londonderry between 10/2018 and 10/2022. There were 1488 people on the list. Of the 1488 people on the list, 129 had voted in the 11/03/20 election AFTER they had moved out of town. The constituent reconciled that list with the 08/16/23 Voter Checklist and found that there were still 1083 voters who had moved out of Londonderry on the Voters checklist. Of these 1083 that were left, 95 had voted after their moves in the Nov. 03, 2020 election. The checklist cover page, signed by all three supervisors of the checklist stated that (0) zero voters who have moved out of town are still on the reminder screen. How is this allowed to happen? The Supervisors of the Checklist have ONE job, and it appears that they are not doing it.

If a list was provided back on 06/29/23 to our Supervisors of the Checklist, why have these names not been removed? Voting results in our town in some cases have been very close with +/- 50 votes. These voter checklists need to be kept clean.

With voting fraud all over the news in the past few years, one would think that every Town Hall would make sure that their voting list is up to date with the list provided from the Secretary of State.

I would ask that all

concerned Londonderry residents request that this list be made a priority to get updated.

Christine Fitzgerald
Londonderry

Words Of Thanks

To the editor,

The Londonderry Child Passenger Safety Program would like to take this opportunity to thank the many folks and organizations that made our National Seat Check Saturday Car Seat Inspection Event a big success. Certified Car Seat technicians, from many parts of the state, came together to inspect the car seat installations of several families on Saturday Sept. 23 at the Londonderry South Fire Station. Thanks go to the Londonderry Times for helping us spread the word of the event. Also, thanks go to the News 4 News Team at WMUR, thank you for helping us spread the word about our event, and car seat safety across the state.

We would like to also thank the members of the Londonderry Women's Club. The club came forward this year willing to help our program in any way they could.

The Club and its members provided over 10 volunteers to assist us and donated coffee/breakfast and lunch for all of the car seat technicians, so greatly appreciated. Another word of thanks to Hannaford's for providing the lunches, provided by the Londonderry Women's Club at a discount, all were delicious and the technicians truly appreciated the wonderful food after

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Clark Family Estate Sale Attracts a Large Crowd



An estate sale took place over the weekend at the property of Reed and Phyllis Clark on the corner of Stonehenge and Perkins Road. Hundreds of people wandered through the home and barn at the property eager to purchase from a wide variety of antique items on display. The Clarks moved from Londonderry a number of month ago and, according to Steven Zaker, caretaker of the property and the person running the auction, the home will remain in the family for the foreseeable future as tenants will soon be occupying the house starting in October.

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"All places exist, but I desire them to thrive." He went on to say "Planning provides an opportunity to contribute to the enhancement of a municipality through a variety of ways," Bennett said. "The inherent nature of the work prevents Groundhog Days, which takes the monotony out of routine work."

Before coming to Londonderry, Bennett said he was a planner in the public and private sectors.

According to his LinkedIn page, Bennett served in the United States Army for four years, before serving in roles including as Planner for St. John's County Board of Commission-

ers, for about 11 months and in his most recent role as a planner for AE Engineering Inc., for a little over a year.

He also served as the Principal of Better By Bennett beginning in August 2021, and as manager of Paradise Grooming For Men beginning in 2016. According to his LinkedIn page, he still presently serves in those capacities.

Bennett said he ended up in Londonderry "because the opportunity presented itself to be a benefit to the town. This is an excellent place to facilitate the planning process while maintaining the town's character...Some of the superlative characteristics that stood out to me were the value the residents appeared to place



Benjamin Bennett

on their quality of life and their engagement with Town Hall."

Bennett said he is looking forward to "Assisting in the cultivation of a versatile, sustainable, and vibrant community," in his new role.

When asked what he sees as the biggest challenges facing Londonderry from a planning/ land use perspective, Bennett stated that "There is a myriad of fac-

tors that should be considered when making that type of assessment, and as I am new to the role, assuming the challenges Londonderry might be facing would be presumptuous."

"The challenges produced by those factors could be cyclical, a singularity, or combination of many things. Blindly placing my assumptions of these challenges within a hierarchy would be irresponsible," Bennett said.

He added: "When we discuss matters such as

these, one thing to recognize is that no municipality is exempt from the challenges of ensuring multiple land uses are interconnected between resources to drive it toward a sustainable future. Some of these challenges may be in the form of environmental impacts, compatibility issues, or legal risks. Therefore, planning should strive to transparently provide factual information regarding these matters. As markets, resources, residents, etc. evolve,

planning must adapt to anticipate those challenges, competing interest, and ever-changing needs."

When asked if he is residing in Londonderry or somewhere else, Bennett declined to comment.

Bennett said he is also "fortunate to be of service to the Town of Londonderry and its residents, and look forward to building upon its legacy."

According to Town Manger Mike Malaguti, Bennett will be making just over \$92,000 per year.

Musquash Area Gets New Trail for Mountain Bikers

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on Sept. 12, to discuss an expansion of Musquash Conservation Area's Piper Rising Trail, which connects to the larger Porcupine Ridge Trail in two places. The local mountain bike club volunteered to build the trail and recently completed their work. Recently, Commission Chair Marge Badois walked down about half of the new path to see the results.

"It's very unique," said Badois. "They've built ramps, bridges, and jumps, some made out of wood and some out of connected boulders. It's quite a long trail, it's very cool."

Badois also put signs on each end to mark the

trail and expressed her desire to add more signs for bikers. She also thanked the mountain bike club for their help.

The Commission also discussed the creation of new signs for trails at Moose Hill and Kendall Pond. Badois talked to Manchester company Fastsigns and got confirmation that the Kendall Pond sign can be installed within a week. It was less clear when the Moose Hill sign would be finished due to uncertainty over where and how to place it.

The Commission is also looking into trail development at Lithia Springs. Londonderry purchased the land off Nashua Road late last year and received a \$300,000 LCHIP grant to protect the land and his-

torical structures of the old water company.

As with Moose Hill and Kendall Pond, the Conservation Commission looked into sign installation explaining the importance of Lithia to the town, the cost of which will not be covered by the LCHIP grant. The estimated cost of new signs will be around \$2,000 each.

The Conservation Commission is sponsoring a talk on wolves and coyotes in the Leach Library on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

"The group has hired educator Chris Schadler to discuss coexistence strategies between locals and NH Eastern Coyotes. Anybody wanting to attend must register a week before the meeting.



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many hours of inspecting car seats. Lastly we would like to thank the Community Relations Team and the day crew from Londonderry Fire Rescue. Your support and assistance went a long way to make this event a success.

While we do not have exact numbers as of yet, there were approximately 11 car seats/ cars inspected and ALL needed some sort of correction to ensure the safety of the little ones traveling in their cars. If you were not able to attend, but would like to get your car seat installa-

tion inspected, or have questions on the safety of your child while traveling, please reach out to our program, we would love to assist.

You may contact the program via e-mail: cps-@londonderrynh.org or leave a message on our information line: 603-432-1104 ext. 4623. For additional information on car seat safety and information on additional events in the state, or to become a Child Passenger Safety Technician, you may visit the state's website: www.seatSMARTNH.org.

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Indictment of Trump

To the editor,
No matter where you fall on the political spectrum, the evidence revealed in the latest indictment of Donald Trump should disturb every American who cares about protecting our freedom to vote and our democracy. In the latest indictment, President Donald Trump and key allies - including his

lawyers were indicted on 41 criminal charges for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 election in Georgia.

According to these indictments, Trump deliberately spread disinformation about the 2020 election, then used those lies to pressure state officials in Georgia and other swing states to overturn the will of voters, including by asking the Georgia secretary of state to "find 11,780 votes." He and his cronies leaned on everyone they could to carry out their plans, from state officials to former

Vice President Mike Pence.

When they couldn't steal the presidency by throwing out votes or through phony paperwork, they rioted on our nation's Capitol in an attempt to stop the election from being certified.

Some pundits are treating Trump's indictments like political theater, but that's not what this is about. It's about being able to confidently cast our ballots as Americans, certain that our vote will be counted, no matter our political party. It's about whether a president and his allies

who are trying to cling to power should be able to throw out votes that they don't like. The answer, of course, must be resoundingly no. We, the American people, choose our leaders, and not the other way around.

These are serious crimes against our country. To preserve the rule of law and our democracy, we must let the legal process proceed, without interruption or interference.

Our democracy depends on it.

Sincerely,
Cheri Locke
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Evelyn J. Mason



Evelyn J. Mason, 82, of Merrimack, NH, passed away Wednesday Sept. 20, 2023, surrounded by her daughter and grandson at home. She was born on Friday Oct. 11, 1940 in Nashua, a daughter of the late Harold Linwood and Elizabeth (Crosby) Estey, and had been a resident of Merrimack for the past 10 years, formerly living in Londonderry most of her life.

Evelyn graduated with honor from Alvirne High School class of 1959 in the Upper Quarter scholastically finished 6th and received a Proficiency in Home Economics Award. Upon graduation, she continued employment with Improved Machinery Inc. Nashua, NH as a secretary. Evelyn had four children. Upon the arrival of their 3rd, she became a stay at home Mom. Eventually she returned to work and retired from Symmetry Medical in Manchester in 2008.

Evelyn loved day trips to the mountains and the Seacoast with her family. Holidays with extended family were extra special too with her famous apple pies and chocolate cream pies for the kids.

Evelyn is survived by her sons, Roger Mason Jr. of Manchester, NH and Scott Mason of Maine, her daughters Debora Mason of Merrimack, NH and Dianna Gary of New Jersey, five grandchildren, Mallory, Steven, Nicole, Jennifer, and Marcus, one great-granddaughter, Isabella, two sisters, Betsy Child of East Derry, NH, and Maria Simmons of Derry, NH, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held privately. Burial followed in the Glenwood Cemetery, Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to Brookhaven Hospice. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry assisted the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Cheerleaders

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their next meeting.

Slater finished by saying that the board voted, in a non-public session, to continue the suspension until Oct. 9. At which point the suspension will be reviewed.

During Public Comment, held just after the announcement, resident, Brenda McCarthy, spoke on the subject of bullying in the school district. She said she doesn't have children in the Londonderry school system any longer, but

felt compelled to speak.

McCarthy said her daughter experienced "racial discrimination and bullying for a very long time."

She said, "The culture in this school district with the racism, bullying, harassment, and discrimination is just so ridiculous. It happens in every single hallway in this school." Adding that she experienced it in middle school also.

She finished by saying, "It's absolutely horrendous. This school better step up".

Resident, Michelle

Carrozzella, addressed the Press Release that announced the suspension of the program. She felt the release put children in "harms way" saying students were cyberbullied after the press release went out.

Pointing at Superintendent, Dan Black, she said, "Your statement. You are the biggest bully in this room."

Stephanie Hatchell, who's daughter is a freshman not on the team, reiterated the fact that children are being bullied on social media because of the press release, explaining that coaches, parents, and students are being falsely accused of being bullies.

Nothing was said by the board after the comments were heard.

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Finding Nemo Jr. Hits the Stage on Friday, Oct. 6

Ovation Theatre Company's production of Finding Nemo Jr. hits the stage next weekend.

This colorful musical features a talented cast of young performers. Marlin, an anxious and over-protective clownfish, lives in the Great Barrier Reef with his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. But when Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters such as optimistic Dory, laid-back sea turtle Crush, and the supportive Tank Gang, Marlin and Nemo both overcome challenges on their journey to find each other and themselves.

Carson Curtis plays Nemo and agrees that

both he and Nemo are "very energetic." Curtis resonates with the message of "never give up on finding what's important in life - and that school is very valuable!"

Malia Smith plays Dori and jokes that she might have been type-cast. "Dori was a pretty good fit for me, personality-wise!" Smith truly understands the underlying message of such a fun show. "It's a story about not only finding your kid, but also about finding yourself. Nemo finds himself, Dori finds herself, and so does Marlin."

Ava MacInnis plays multiple roles, including Pearl the octopus. She loves saying one of the most iconic lines in the show, "You made me ink!"

Finding Nemo Jr. is directed by Meg Gore, with Music Direction and Choreography by



Christie Conticchio and great support from Stage Manager Abby Parnell.

Finding Nemo Jr. will be presented on Friday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 7 at 1 and 6 p.m. at the Derry Opera House. Pre-sale discounted tickets are available through Sept. 29 for \$15 and then go to \$18. Tickets are on sale

at OvationTC.com and will be available at the door.

The youth cast is drawn from all over southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. Londonderry cast members are: Lainey Anthony, Harper Cantella, Kendall Cornwell, Liam Craigie, Bri Federico, Gavin Hunt, Cooper Jean, Ella

Kearns, Alice Kevorkian, Simone Kimborowicz, Charlotte Latour, Karmryn Latour, Ava Leahy, Ava MacInnis, Maeva Nahlik, Hailey Penta, Malia Smith, Marcella Smith, Elisa Thomas and Lily Tessier.

Other members: Ryan DeWinkleer of Pembroke; Kennedy Furnner and Mirabel Welch of Derry; Levi

Freilich, Mackenzie Ryan, Sarah Snyder and Quinn Snyder of Hampstead; Hayden Broadhead and Ryan Kaplan of Windham; Taylor Lowe of Auburn; Caileigh Fields of Manchester; Vanessa Carlson of Merrimack; Carson Curtis of Brentwood; Wilder Gastich Furbush of Exeter; and Grace Bellardino of Boxford, Mass.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Boys' Soccer End Astros Unbeaten Streak

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team only played one game last week, and the time off helped them secure the schools only win against Pinkerton Academy during the Mack Plaque competition last weekend.

The Lancers moved to 7-1 by battling for

another shutout victory on Friday afternoon, Sept. 22, when they traveled to Derry and beat the Astros 2-0.

The strong LHS defense helped lead to the team's sixth shutout victory of the season.

Both rivals came onto the field with the usual amount of aggression fans are used to seeing during Mack Plaque contests and much of the

first half play was relatively penalty free.

The Lancers first goal came at 6:35 in the first period on a great pass by junior forward, Brett McKinnon, to a wide-open, senior forward, Jackson Lewis, who put the ball past the PA tender, Cam Kuncik.

Londonderry controlled possession of the ball for much of the first half, but in the second period, the Astros showed why they were undefeated to this point in the season.

Despite that, LHS had two close attempts early in the second.

First, McKinnon clanked one off the cross bar at 37:18, two-minutes later, senior Jake Nussdorf made a bid from the left side with a shot that went just over the net.

Late in the second half, in the 78th minute, Nussdorf was able to give the Lancers an insurance goal, assisted by the good instincts of McKinnon.

Senior LHS goaltender, Jason Reilly, had five saves in the battle with Pinkerton's tender making two saves.

Head coach, Todd Ellis, was happy to have

the game go his team's way, commenting after the game, "The team really competed well today under difficult situations and in a tough environment. I look forward to Mack Plaque because it is a great midseason test to judge where we are at and what we need to work on for potential future tournament game situations. Jason and the defense did a great job in earning the shutout. The goals we scored were well orchestrated."

Astros head coach, Kerry Boles, saw things differently, "This was an incredibly physical game, as evidenced by the numerous fouls and multiple yellow cards. We didn't handle the situation well at times and it impacted our ability to play our game. We still created scoring opportunities today, but failed to cash in."

Londonderry was



Junior forward, Brett McKinnon, played a part in both goals in the team's win over the Astros.



Lancers senior forward, Jackson Lewis, puts his team on the board with the first goal of the game at Pinkerton on Friday. Photos by Chris Paul

scheduled to play two home games this week.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, they will face the Alvirne

Broncos (1-6) and on Friday, Sept. 29, the Lancers will play Nashua North (3-5), starting at 6 p.m.

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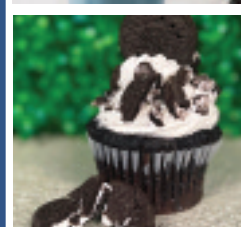
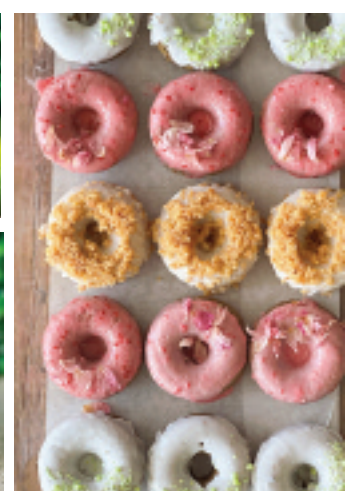
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Lancers Football Drop Close Mack Plaque Contest

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a dominating first half of play at the 41st annual Mack Plaque contest, the Londonderry High School Football team fell one touchdown shy of continuing their winning streak over Pinkerton Academy on Friday

night, Sept. 22.

The Lancers fell to 3-1 on the season with the 24-20 loss to the Astros, in what was a very exciting game for both sides of the field to watch.

Since 2019, the LHS squad has come away with victories each of the four Mack Plaque games, but an intercep-

tion on the Lancers final drive broke Londonderry's winning streak.

Both teams had three touchdowns in the game, with LHS scoring two in the first half and one in the fourth.

Pinkerton's only points in the first half came by way of a 48-yard field goal with just under three-minutes left in the second quarter.

The game started with a trick play on the initial kickoff by LHS, Blake Thompson placed a short boot at the PA 35-yard line, where Nate Rosario recovered it for his squad.

Nine plays later, senior quarterback, Cam Brutus, put the Lancers on the board with the first 6-points of the game on a very strong 12-yard run into the endzone.

A low snap on the extra-point attempt spoiled the team's chances to make it 7-0.

Junior quarterback, Alex Villa, gave LHS its second touchdown of the game, running the ball in from the one-yard line at 9:02 in the second quarter.

Thompson's second extra-point attempt was good for a 13-0 lead.

Pinkerton finally managed to get on the board in their last drive of first half, making it 13-3, with a 48-yard field goal.

The Astros came out of the halftime break like a different team. Both the offense and defensive lines toughened up, giving them two touchdowns and a score 17-13 by the end of the third quarter.

Pinkerton capitalized on an early interception during Londonderry's first drive of the half, with Matt Morrison getting a 15-yard touchdown run on the second play of their ensuing drive.

The interception was exasperated by 15-yard penalty on a late hit by LHS at the sideline.

Londonderry had a very good drive come up just short in the third quarter, missing out by inches on a fourth down passing play to senior Seth Doyon, who was tackled by two PA defenders just shy of the sticks.

The following first-down play by the Astros resulted in their second touchdown of the game. Quarterback, Tim Hersom, rolled to the right on a play-fake and carried the ball 84-yards to



Junior quarterback, Alex Villa, crosses the goal line against the Astros. Photo by Chris Paul

pay dirt.

Pinkerton took a 17-13 lead heading into the final quarter, as the Astros built on 13, unanswered points.

The Lancers were able to give their fans another reason to see the possibility of a win when Alex Villa capped off an impressive fourth quarter drive with a three-yard touchdown run for the team's final score.

Londonderry marched down the field, starting at the 11-minute mark, and strung together 11-plays for 67-yards and a touchdown and extra-point for a 20-17 lead with six-minutes left on the clock.

The Astros came right back, with seven-points of their own in the following 45-yard drive, resulting in the 24-20 finish, despite a strong hold by the LHS defense at the one-yard line at the two-minute mark.

Londonderry offense had 197-yards on the ground and 51-yards in the air. Junior Sam Ogden led with 79-yards rushing on six attempts, Doyon led the Lancers in receiving with 25-yards on two catches.

The now 3-1 Lancers are scheduled to travel to Windham High School on Friday night, Sept. 29, to take on the 2-2 Jaguars.



Lancer Matt Carroll attempts to stop Astros Caden Michaud during the third quarter Friday.



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Varsity Field Hockey Drop Three to Tough Opponents



Lancer sophomore Alison Chambers had the first of two goals scored at PA. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After starting off the Fall season with a more than respectable 4-1 record, the Londonderry High School Field Hockey Squad has hit a major hurdle, dropping five in a row and finishing the week at 4-6.

The Lady Lancers started the week on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Windham High School, where they were unable to penetrate the tough Jaguar defense and were shutout 2-0 to a team that has yet to lose this season.

The Londonderry offense managed three shots on the Windham goalie, Abigail Cook,

made three saves for LHS.

The Jaguars have scored 31 times this year and have only given up two goals.

The following day, at home against the Bishop Guertin Cardinals, the Lancers were able to push that game into overtime, but wound up losing 3-2.

The overtime goal was scored as the period approached four-minutes left in the period.

The two Londonderry goals were scored by junior Keira Strike.

The first was assisted by junior Ava Windisch and the second went to senior Ashleigh Leone.

Cook made 10 saves in goal for LHS.

The win put BGs

record at 5-2 and they finished the week at 7-2.

The Lancers week finished out in Derry, on Saturday morning, during the annual Mack Plaque competition.

The Londonderry squad was once again edged out 3-2 with Pinkerton Academy taking a 2-1 lead in the first and maintaining that advantage throughout the following three periods.

The Lady Astros got on the board first, scoring at 10:43, but LHS quickly tied the game at 1-1 when sophomore Alison Chambers scored at 9:47.

The Pinkerton ladies added another goal just before the period ended, where the score remained 2-1 until 12:39 in

the third.

PA took the 3-1 lead with a goal by Gianna Rosa on an assist from Jaelyn Crossman.

In the fourth quarter, senior Taylor McKinnon gave Londonderry their second goal on a penalty stroke at 9:24.

The Astros tender, Elise LeBlanc made 13 saves, while Cook had four saves for the Lancers.

Londonderry will try to reverse their troubling trend this week with two road games.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, they travel to Salem High School (2-6), then on Friday, Sept. 29, they're at Manchester Central-West (1-8).

Cross Country Teams Face Huge Field at Derryfield Park

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Cross Country teams competed at the Manchester Invitational at Derryfield Park, in Manchester on Saturday, Sept 22, with over 30 schools from across New England taking part in ten divisions.

In the Large School Varsity race, the Londonderry Boys finished in 19th as a team overall and seventh out of the New Hampshire Teams. Phillips Exeter took first place, with St. Johns-

bury Academy placing second and Bishop Hendricken finished in third place.

The girls' team was in the lower end of the team scoring out of the 26 squads competing.

In the boys' race, sophomore runner, Carson Fitzgerald, had the top finish for the Lancers, coming in at 54th with a time of 17:03.9.

Fellow sophomore, Josh Twomey came in at 17:18.6 and a 72nd finish.

Sophomore Jack DiBuono had a time of

17:52.2; senior, Will Buckley posted a time of 17:59.7; junior Alex Vaccaro (18:11.3); sophomore Donovan Chylinski (18:36.8); sophomore Cash Robles had a time of 20:36.6.

Lancers boys' head coach, Matt Smith, was happy with the result, considering the size of the field.

Smith said, "In what

was easily the deepest field we will see all season, our guys really performed quite well. We spent a lot of time reviewing our race strategy and the guys did a great job putting that plan into action. We were the seventh New Hampshire team in the race, so that was an important step forward for us as we head into

the last month of the regular season.

In the Girls' Large School Varsity race, Champlain Valley, VT, was first; Pinkerton Academy took second place; and Philips Academy took third.

Junior LHS runner, Sayde White, was first

for Londonderry, taking 96th overall, with a time of 22:17.

Other Lancer finishers were: senior Amara Williams (23:03); sophomore Drew Sherman (24:01.2); sophomore Bella Mulhern (24:42.4); and senior Charley Fitzgerald (25:11.2).

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Lady Lancers Volleyball Finish Week with Two-Game Split

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Volleyball team had two games last week where they were able to

come away with a rather easy win followed by a tough loss.

The team started the week with home match against a winless Manchester Memorial

squad, where they were able to dispatch of the Crusaders in three sets.

Memorial has only been able to win one set this year and Londonderry really didn't give

them a chance to win their second.

The Lancers moved to 5-1 with a 3-0 sweep at home on Monday, Sept. 18, winning 25-12, 25-9 and 25-13.

Highlights for the LHS squad included: sophomore Mady Normand getting 16 assists and 14 aces; junior Malia Sivigny had four kills and an ace in the match; fellow sophomore Elisabeth Kearney notched four kills and four digs; and senior Libby Bono tallied five kills and three digs.

Later in the week, in a much closer contest against rivals Pinkerton Academy, the Lancers fell to 5-2 with a four set loss during the annual Mack Plaque competition in Derry on Saturday.

The LHS team started strong and they were able to take a 20-15 first set lead, but fell short in the end opening with a 22-25 loss.

The Lancers looked great in the second set, beating the Astros 25-15, but then fell 25-20 in the



Sophomore Riley Campo puts the volleyball through two PA defenders. Photo by Chris Paul

final two frames.

Senior Sarah DeFazio put up 36 assists and eight digs in the match.

Fellow senior Abby Harrington finished the day with 22 digs and two aces.

Senior Ally McGonagle had 17 kills and sophomore Annie Williams tallied eight kills and three blocks.

Londonderry is scheduled to play three games this week, the first, at home, on Monday against the Portsmouth Clippers (4-3). On Tuesday, Sept. 26, they play Alvirne (2-6) on their home court and the week finishes on Thursday, in Bedford against an undefeated Lady Bulldogs team.



In the Box

Junior goaltender, Reagan Delude, made a nice save on a penalty kick during the Lancers 1-0 loss to Pinkerton Academy on Saturday morning Sept. 23. The game was part of the annual Mack Plaque competition.

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Coats For Kids Event

Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Cars, Coats and Coffee in Oct. 7 from 8 - 11 a.m. Located at the St Jude Parish parking lot, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Please bring one or more gently worn winter coats or cash donations all sizes adults are most in demand. All coats and donations go directly to Coats for Kids. Rain or shine.

Lions Club Yard Sale

Saturday Oct. 7, Giant Yard Sale from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. No early birds, at the Lions Dykstra Pavilion 256 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry. Donation drop off from Sept. 22 - Oct. 6. To rent a table contact Londonderry Lions on FB or 9784764807

Fall Craft Fair

Taking place at Connect 55 on Oct. 14, from

noon - 4 p.m., located at 2 Golen Dr., Londonderry, behind All American Assisted living in Londonderry. Hand made goods, lots of eats and pastries, raffles. All proceeds go to 2 local charities; The Sonshine Soup Kitchen and Community Caregivers of Greater Derry. This is a cash only event.

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. 6, from 6 - 7:30 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.

Lions Hall Listening Session

The Town of Londonderry is exploring options for the renovation and re-opening of the town-owned building at 256 Mammoth Road, familiarly called the Lions Hall after its most recent tenant. Town administrative staff will be holding a public listening session on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 from 10 a.m. - noon, in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at Londonderry Town Hall, 268B

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

Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces a Free community child find a program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 yrs (2.5) through five yrs., 11 months (5.11) of age who are suspected of having developmental concerns child find will be held at: Moose Hill School is located at 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry, on Oct. 5, Between 9 a.m. AND 3 p.m. Please call Denise Fosmire for an appointment at (603)437-5855 ext 7223 no child will be seen without an appointment

Free Meals

Free Community Meals being served in September

are as follows: 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.

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Drop Off Center

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Ghosts and Legends

The Leach Library and Derry Public Library are teaming up to bring you Jeff Belanger's Ghosts and Legends program at the Derry Opera House on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7

p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be available to purchase from the Friends of the Derry Public Libraries and the Friends of the Leach Library. There will also be a Q&A and book signing at the end of the program. The Derry Opera House is located at 29 W Broadway in Derry. Seating is limited to 350 people. Registration is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. For more information and to register, visit the Derry Public Library's event calendar at www.derrypl.org or call either library, Derry Public Library at (603) 432-6140 or Leach Library at (603) 432-1132.

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.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Sept. 18
2:40 a.m. Three officers investigate an Overdose at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

3:16 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transport to a hospital from Chapel Drive.

12:41 p.m. A Domestic Disturbance on Crestview Circle leads to an arrest made by three officers. Eman Khan, 40, of Londonderry, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact).

3:37 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Crestview Circle.

5:01 p.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Mammoth Road.

6:41 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on State Tree Circle.

Tuesday - Sept. 19
11:53 a.m. Larceny/Fraud investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:58 a.m. Larceny/Fraud investigated at St. Mary's Bank on Nashua Road.

2:58 p.m. Criminal Mis- chief investigated at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

3:25 p.m. Nine officers render services to Serve a Warrant on Holly Lane.

7:06 p.m. Six officers investigate serving a Warrant on Holly Lane.

11:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check investigation by four officers at Park & Ride North on Symmes

Drive leads to charges. William Sweeney, 49, of Manchester, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

Wednesday - Sept. 20
8:34 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers on King George Drive.
9:35 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Rockingham Road at Red Arrow Diner.

10:03 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated by four officers at Starbucks on Nashua Road.

2:26 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm apartments.

11:30 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

4:15 p.m. Suspicious Activity at St. Mary's Bank on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by five officers. Alfred Moniz, 63, of Boston, NH, charged with: Forgery of a Government Instrument (Check, etc.); and Theft By Deception of over \$1,501.

8:37 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Crestview Circle.

8:40 p.m. Criminal Mis- chief investigated on Cardinal Circle.

9 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Hemlock Street.

10:27 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at The Coach Stop on Mammoth Road.

Thursday - Sept. 21
8:07 a.m. Services ren-

dered for Suspicious Activity between Page Road and the Backyard Brewery on Rockingham Road.

9 a.m. Services rendered on Morningside Drive for Neighborhood Disputes

10:12 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Route 93, south of Exit 4, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Jerry Janvier, 37, of Taunton, MA., charged with Driving after Revoke/Suspension.

10:47 a.m. Services rendered during Juvenile Offenses at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

10:56 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Liberty Drive.

6:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to arrests made on Rockingham Road at Commercial Lane. Four officers assist with charging Janis Bonaccorso, 63, of Plaistow, Arrested on a Warrant. Tara Mosher, 50, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

Friday - Sept. 22
12:44 a.m. Assisted the Hudson Police Department with services on Nashua Road at the Hudson town line.

1:34 a.m. Suspicious Activity on Victoria Drive leads to an arrest made by six officers. Brandie Jones, 33, of Claremont, charged with: Criminal Trespass; Loitering or Prowling; and served with five Bench War-

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Around Town

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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.

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 chil-

dren and families to enjoy in the Leach Library Children's Room. Applications will be accepted from Oct. 1 - 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 January 2024, and installation may be scheduled to begin in February 2024. Visit the Leach Library website for the full contest details and application, or pick up an application packet at the library.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. through Oct. 17, toddlers ages 2-3 years old and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Hanging Dementor Lantern Craft

Teens and tweens are invited to a Harry Potter-inspired craft on Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Participants will create their own hanging Dementor lanterns using a variety of craft supplies. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, September 26. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Bookworms Story Time

On Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. through Oct. 18, the Leach Library will offer story time for preschoolers ages 3-5 years old. Bookworms will focus on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games. The

program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. through Oct. 17, the Leach Library will offer a story time program for babies 0-18 months old. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Becoming Wolf

Myths surround coyotes and cloud our under-

standing of them. On Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room, Chris Schadler will discuss coexistence strategies. Chris has 40 years of experience in wolf and coyote research, sheep farming, and teaching. She will demonstrate that "knowledge is power" when it comes to living with coyotes. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Sept. 28. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. This event is co-sponsored by the Londonderry Conservation Commission.

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 and begins on Monday, October 16. To register, visit the

library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Tarot 101

Come to the Leach Library on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. to learn about tarot with professional tarot reader and astrologer Kate Sheridan (aka The Laundress). This is a lecture-style program with Q&A woven throughout. The presentation will cover basic tarot instruction and theory. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Oct. 3. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Crafternoon

Crafternoon is back as a monthly 90-minute meeting at the Leach Library! On Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m., bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Police Log

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9:01 a.m. Car Break-Ins reported at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

9:45 a.m. Four officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance at Londonderry Self Storage on Auburn Road.

12:48 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:36 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Mammoth Road at Westminster Drive leads to an arrest. Ahmed Atwan, 32, of Manchester, charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension; and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Saturday - Sept. 23
12:18 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers at F.W. Webb (Water Works Branch) on Rockingham Road.

2:06 p.m. Welfare Check investigated five officers on Ash Street.

8:53 p.m. Juvenile Offenses on Olde Country Village Road leads to an arrest(s) made by four

officers.

9:13 p.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

11:58 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm apartments.

Sunday - Sept. 24

12:28 a.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm apartments

2:37 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on Pillsbury Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Joseph Heitzler, 42, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and providing a False Report to Law Enforcement.

4:35 p.m. Warrant served by three officers on Jefferson Drive. Jacob Standifer, 22, of Londonderry, Arrested on a Warrant.

8:46 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.



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