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A FREE Weekly Publication **Board Members Worry Woodmont**

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ber meeting of the Londonderry Planning Board saw a presentation for the new Woodmont Planned Use Development (PUD) plan set at 15 and 44 Pillsbury Rd. Will Nuccio from The Procopio Companies was at the meeting to explain the conceptual plan.

"The intent would be to create a residential neighborhood that is said. "On the west side of the site, it's a relativea decent little forested

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board meeting.

The School Board

received an aca-

demic update dur-

ing its most recent

School Director of Cur-

riculum Kim Lindley-

Soucy said one of the

things they are happy

about is that they have

been showing steady

growth and have gener-

there is work there to

get even higher (test

scores)," Soucy said.

"But we also see

Londonderry High

that there."

The design included The second Novem-slightly more compres- to see what you do, ing to avoid getting too close to nearby wetlands and to preserve more green space.

Getting Too Residential, Expensive

"This would be a lot of two- and three-bedroom houses. It's not going to be four- and five-bedroom houses," explained Nuccio. "Less bedrooms should make it more is a very busy freeway affordable housing."

Some units would be compatible with the sold, while others would existing properties," he be rented out. Director of Engineering John Trottier noted that the ly steep slope and here's higher density would exceed what was norarea. We'd try to keep mally allowed in the

High School Report Shows

Above Average Growth

Woodmont PUD.

"It will be interesting sed, higher-density hous- said Trottier, who seemed skeptical about the feasibility of parts of the design after seeing concept art of the common areas and the higherdensity layout.

> Members of the Planning Board had a few concerns.

"That area in general intersection, I'm not sure if it's going to be improved in the future or not. Adding a lot more traffic to that area I think is going to be tough," said Board member Ann Chiampa. "I see

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Let There Be Lights Eric Turcotte, Tom Estey and Darcey Lefebvre were able to string about 4,000 lights at the Town Common over the weekend. Estey and Turcotte saved the town about \$15,000 for their services. See more on page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Committee Claims High Range Water Project to Start in 2026

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Utilities Commitupdate from its water subcommittee on the

regarding plans for tee recieved an future waterline extensions across town.

"This is looking at High Range Road project the middle of 2026 for on Nov. 7. Committee that line," said McGraw, member Jeff McGraw referring to the initial

concerns behind both that line quite a ways, I The Londonderry the ongoing project, and was shocked for what we're getting for \$10 million. Hopefully we'll have an incrementally better water system, not complete, but a better water system in the summer of

outlined the immediate extension. "We drove

For ninth graders continued on page 3 that took the PSAT, 31% for juniors, they are

averages.

of students meet bench- looking at the progress marks in both reading/ writing, and in math, PSAT, before students which is above the state average of 24%. The national average was

At the tenth grade level 34% of the students meet both benchmarks, which is 4% higher than the state average of 30%. The national average was at 37%.

For juniors, 33% of ally been above state students meet both benchmarks, which was 6% above the state average which was at 27%. The national average was 41%.

Soucy said this year,

more closely for the take the SAT in the spring, in order to hopefully improve scores.

Another thing that was reviewed during the meeting, was in regards to the number of Londonderry High School students who partici-

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Meetinghouse Study Committee Discusses It's Future

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house Study Compotential future, during its most recent meeting and also what will be done with the historic building.

The discussion came in the wake of the Town Council tabling a decibe used for a structural assessment of the building that the committee

The Town Council The Reverend Mor- was expected to take up Farrell said she didn't Meeting- the issue during a Tuesday, Nov. 26 special mittee discussed its meeting, after the Londonderry Times went to

> Ahead of the meeting, there was discussion by the Committee about their thoughts on continuing their efforts.

"If it does fail, do we sion to allow for funds to continue?" Committee Chair Kathy Wagner asked during the meeting, about the Town

Staff liaison Sherry think the Town Council would say no to the funds

"My feeling on this is we did what they asked, what we were commissioned to do, and this should really not be a no, this should be a final yes," she said.

Farrell also said if there isn't at least an attempt at looking at saving the building, then they aren't repre-

our Reverend Morrison House needs to be saved," Farrell said.

she joined the Committee with the thought that the building was going to be saved.

"I believe it's what our residents want," Farrell said.

Committee member Larry Casey said they need to find out what needs to be done to the building, and from there, the Town could go out to bid for the different phases.

"That was part of the proposal," he said.

During public comment, resident Deb Paul thinks would be beneficial, if the committee continues, is to come up

senting the people in with what the purpose or actual use of the "The feeling is that building is, which would help impact their decisions.

"I really think that She explained that needs to be a priority," Paul said, noting it would be a way to extend the Committee.

> Casey added that he wasn't aware of anyone wanting to tear the building down at this point.

> "I don't get the sense from anybody in this process that tearing the building down is a desirable option," he said.

> Casey said regardless, he thinks they need the Town Council to revisit the charge of the Committee and update it.

"To the best of our said, one thing she ability and through a lot of time and effort we did what we could to fulfill the initial charge," he

He added the main objective completed was getting a proposal delivered "Which is the foundation for moving forward to determine the cost."

Casev also said he thinks moving forward, the Town Council needs to be more specific with their expectations.

"In hindsight, I think it was ambitious," he

Wagner noted that they can't move on until they get the structural engineering report done.

She explained she thinks it should be up to the Town Council to determine what the Committee's direction should be moving for-

"It's really not up to us anyways," Wagner







DINE IN • TAKE OUT

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'26."

The line under construction was described as a "main trunk" from which other lines would eventually branch off really improving trans-

"This is the timeline the High Range Road Water Project going from the intersection Parmenter and Old Nashua going as far up Parmenter into High Range," said

Committee Chair Lynn Wiles. "This is a work in progress."

McGraw stated he was in constant communication with Pennichuck Water to keep track of the project.

"As a committee, we're parency and communications with Pennichuck," he said. "There's still a lot of work to do, I like things to go faster, but I think we're getting good thigs done."

Committee member Anne Fenn worried profast enough, especially in the consent decree area, where many residents are still on bottled water owing to continued high levels of PFAS contamination. alleged that some residents in the consent decree area did not have access to the financial aid needed for reverse osmosis filters. Town Council Liaison Ron Dunn pointed to slow action by Saint-Gobain in getting unconnected

gress was not happening homes closest to Londonderry's water system as the main factor.

"They're dragging their feet on the waterline," said Town Council Liaison Ron Dunn. "Anybody that's connected to a watermain has to wait until Saint-Gobain decides to do what they're going to do."

Saint-Gobain is supposed to provide clean water to everyone in the consent decree. Dunn estimated there were 350 homes in the contaminated area that refurbish our little buildwere "designated to make a water main connection" at an unspecified future date.

The sewer and solid waste brought up the possibility of a waste oil grant for the town.

"There's some grant money available, a small amount of money available to communities that recycle waste oil," said Wiles. "We were talking about applying for some money, it was about \$2,500 to maybe

ing behind the fire station where we do our collections."

The collection building has had a step some residents have had trouble getting past when going out to deposit their extra oil. Waste oil collected near Central Fire Station is used in a furnace to heat the Highway Garage.

There were no updates from the cable and Internet subcommittee.

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Continued from page 1 more building in the area with your plans and I'm not that thrilled about that."

Board member Jason Knights said he was "a fan" of the general design, although he was worried about the "chipping away" of what was intended to be a more retail-oriented part of lieved there was a way Woodmont Commons.

"It does specify a small retail, neighborhood kind of thing and that has completely gone away with this," said Knights. "It seems like we're getting a lot more residential and a lot less of those pieces

people were really looking forward to. If there's a way to bring that back. it would be nice."

Retail stores were supposed to provide close services for Woodmont residents as a self-contained neighborhood. Developers promised to see what they could do as the design moves for-

for the proposal to move forward if "done right," with an eye on housing affordability.

"If you look at some of the recently approved developments in the town of Londonderry, I think I saw the starting price point of \$910,000 for a single-family home," said Butler. "I think 90% of the people in this room would agree that \$910,000 is not affordable."

He pushed for small-Chair Jake Butler be- er, more affordable houses for the development, tentatively agreeing to higher density. Affordable housing is a voluntary measure under

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state law, meaning local officials cannot force requirements, although they can modify density requirements. There was also talk of limiting the square footage of the houses.

"I want you to come

to me and say 'this is how we're going to put up 78 houses that are going to be more affordable than what is traditionally being put up,' and I want you to show me how you're going to justify that," said Butler.

"I think you guy have the ability. I feel like you have the vision and you want to do it."

The next Planning Board meeting is set for Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.



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Editorial **Season for Giving**

approaches, we find ourselves caught up in the hustle of Thanksgiving feasts and the frenzy of Christmas shopping. Some of our readers may have completed their holiday shopping before the Thanksgiving turkey even hits the table, while others are still deciding on gifts and wondering where to shop as the days fly by on the advent cal-

We encourage you to consider doing all of your holiday shopping locally.

Supporting local businesses is a gift that keeps on giving; it helps keep their doors open during these changing times. There's a special joy in purchasing items labeled as locally made. These businesses contribute to community charities, so by shopping at mom-and-pop stores, you help them thrive while creating memorable experiences and fostering a healthy local economy.

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As the holiday season quickly advertising to produce our newspapers for the community every week. Please encourage local shops and restaurants to advertise, as this will help keep your community newspaper alive-thank you for your sup-

Our pages are filled with announcements of various drives and collections happening throughout the town. It's truly heartwarming to see how the community comes together to assist those who may be less fortunate during this time of year. It's a shame that this spirit doesn't continue throughout the entire year. Although we live in an affluent area, the need is not always visible.

It's crucial to start at home by teaching young children and teens the importance of helping others. Adults can contribute their time, money, or gifts to support families who are unable to afford presents during the holidays. If you have some spare time, consider volunteering at soup kitchens or participating in holiday fundraisers. It's a rewarding way to embody the true spirit of the season-giving

"We all need somebody to lean on." - Bill Withers

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Londonderry Tax Rate Moves Up from \$15.65 to \$16.14

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The Town of Londonderry recently announced new tax rate for property owners with tax bills showing an increase of 49 cents.

A rate of \$16.14 per thousand has been presented in the tax bills that were mailed out last week.

The 2024 rate is up 49 cents from the rate in 2023 which was \$15.65.

A home assessed at \$500,000 will now be 8.2% - \$1.33. paying \$8,070.00. Last year's rate would have them paying \$7,825.00, an increase of \$245.00 for the year.

The current breakdown is as followed:

64.4% – \$10.40 per thou- Dec. 27.

- Town: 23.4% -
- State Education:
 - County: 4% .64

The rate is set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administartion.

Tax bills were mailed out by the town recently · Local Education: and are due by Friday,

Letters

Lifelong Learning

To the editor,

First let me take this opportunity to thank all those who voted for me in our recent election. I am extremely grateful. I would also like to congratulate the winners and recognize the extensive effort that all candidates put in this elec-

That said, on to my main purpose of this letter, to let you know of some educational opportunities you may not be aware of. The first is Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of NH. OLLI is an organization that offers (people 50 and older) an opportunity to share their knowledge with others by creating interesting short-term courses and an opportunity for others (like me) to keep learning new stuff. Their focus is on learning for the sheer enjoyment of it. You can explore a wide range of ideas and interests along with other seniors without any tests, grades, or college prerequisites! There are

both in person and zoom courses. There are also special interest groups: Happy Hour, Lunch Bunch, Book and Meditation Groups. You can find out more at www.unh.edu/olli, 603 255 3553.

The second is the Institute Rivier Senior Education (RISE). It offers "a vibrant and collaborative learning environment for older adults who share a belief that curiosity never retires". The Rivier Institute for Senior Education incorporates active participation and fellowship for older adults both online and in-person at Rivier University and other locations in Nashua. An affiliate of the Road Scholar Insti-Network, tute offers a diverse curriculum with courses in history, literature, writing, music, religion, current events, art history, technology, physical fitness, and much more. There are no grades, no tests, and no credit. Our members thrive in an environment with no pressure and lots of encouragement, social interaction, and engagement. To find out more - there website is www.rivier.edu/academics/rise, 603 897 8623.

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I hope some of you find this information helpful.

Jim Green Londonderry

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Volunteers Save Town the Expense of Holiday Lighting



After hearing that the Town Council intended to pay nearly \$15,000 for holiday light on two groupings of cedar trees on the Town Common, local business owners and residents Tom Estey and Eric Turcotte offered to donate their services. Estey paid for about 4,000 lights and Turcotte had the equipment to string them, Home Depot, where the lights were purchased, donated by selling the lights at half price and the Local Police Association also chipped in on the cost. Turcotte and Darcey Lefebvre spent much of last weekend removing the old lights and stringing the new ones. Estey and other volunteers were also Photos by Chris Paul there to help.





OBITUARY

Wayne G. Elwood



Wayne G. Elwood, 72, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2024 at his home in Londonderry surrounded by his loving wife and family. He was born on Oct. 14, 1952 in Nashua, NH, a son of the late Wayland H. Elwood and Pauline (Beaton) Elwood.

He was the husband of Linda Elwood. They were married on May 22, 1976 at Londonderry United Methodist Church in Londonderry, NH.

Wayne graduated from Alvirne High School in 1970 and attended UNH for one year in the agricultural field. He became fully employed at Elwood Orchards that has been family-run since 1910. He became owner of his beloved orchard after the passing of his father in 2012. His dream was to diversify the farm and went on to add a corn maze that has grown to be 15 acres today. You could always find him on the tractor farming the land that he loved.

Wayne liked hunting and fishing in his younger days and enjoyed watching football and baseball with his children. He also liked putting jigsaw puzzles together and liked to do Sudoku. He had a love for Elvis music as Elvis Presley was his idol.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-deceased by his sister, Paula Davidson.

He is survived by his wife Linda of 48 years, his children, Christina Elwood, Deanna (David) Leeds, Wayne Elwood, Melinda (Tyler) Palmieri, Amanda (Daniel) MacRoberts, and Bryan Elwood, his brother Wayland (Ann) Elwood, as well as five grandchildren and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

There are no visiting hours. Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the NH Fruit Growers Association.



ibrary Sees Benefit from Integrated Library System

LONDONDERRY TIMES

praised the recent success of their partici-Library System (GMILCS) with 12 other libraries. Trustee Liz Thomas was impressed with the system when she used it to renew some books without going to the library.

"I was very excited that I got an email from GMILCS saying that my books were going to be due the next day," she said. "I was able to call the library, renew it over the phone, and in five minutes it was all done. Usually, I'm delayed."

tium of libraries across **T**he Leach Library Southern NH that share Board of Trustees a catalog system and online resources. Head of Technical Services pation in the Greater Donna Plante had been Manchester Integrated in contact with GMILCS staff members and Alvssa Jobin from the Merrimack Public Library to get a remote notification and renewal system working at Londonderry's Leach Library.

According to Head of Circulation Services Megan Donovan, GMILCS has contributed to higher volume at Leach.

"Now that we're part of GMILCS, we're actually seeing visitors coming from other libraries,' she said. "I had a really

GMILCS is a consor- great interaction with donderry's elderly resi- though there was talk has a system where some patrons from dif- dents. ferent libraries."

> 122 items were sent to Leach Library from other GMILCS-affiliated libraries for check-out. In turn. Leach sent 91 items to other GMILCSaffiliated libraries for check-out. Some technical issues with the GMILCS system were reported and were being addressed.

Trustee Nancy Hendricks wondered if the system had a way to get books to some of Lon-

"One of the things In the past month. I'm very interested in is getting services to seniors. In Bedford we talk about their library literally mailing books to their seniors. If we have seniors here who want to access books through GMILCS, but are unable get them, does GMILCS provide any type of service to get books to our seniors here?" asked Hendricks.

> Library Director Erin Matlin stated there was no senior book service.

about doing something like that sometime in the future. She was worried about legal liability.

"I know there are who would take advantage of it, but I want to make sure that were doing everything right with the legalities of it," said Matlin. "We're looking for avenues where we can do it without that risk of liability."

The library currently

cards are mailed to residents, allowing them to access Leach Library's digital offerings.

Leach Library will be some people out there expected to follow the GMILCS Common Borrower Card and Open Request Policy, allowing cardholders from other libraries to check items out from Leach Library. Londonderry cardholders can also check out from other items GMILCS libraries.

OBITUARY

Richard Bruce Thompson, Sr.



Richard Bruce Thompson, Sr., 87, of Londonderry, NH passed away at his home on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, surrounded by his family after a period of declining health. He was born Nov. 15, 1937, in Winchester, MA and was a son of

the late Albert and Christina (Grandy) Thompson. He was raised and educated in Winchester, MA and received an associate's degree in accounting and finance from Bentley College and had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 51 years.

Mr. Thompson served his country as a member of the US Army from 1956 to 1959, as a member of the Army Security Agency. He returned to private life and began a career in business with United Brands in Central America as an auditor, Charles A. Rittenhouse & Co. and several other companies, before serving as a Vice President with HTI Telecom. He then founded Sage Communications, a communications products company.

Dick was a member and past exalted ruler of the Winchester Lodge of Elks and a member of the William Parkman Masonic Lodge of Winchester. He was also a past President of the Londonderry Rotary Club and recipient of the Paul Harris Award.

Members of the family include his wife of 51 years, Marlene (Moher) Thompson of Londonderry, a son and his wife, Richard B. Jr. and Nicole Thompson of Concord, NC, three granddaughters, Hanna, Alyssa and Natiley Thompson, a nephew, Matthew Thompson of Spencer, MA, two nieces, Cheryl Foley of Mont Vernon, NH and Lynn Thompson of Plum Island, MA and several grand nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a brother, Robert G. Thompson, a sister, Lois Souza and a nephew, Roy Kurra.

After cremation, an hour of visitation will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 10 - 11 a.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. A Celebration of his life will begin at 11 a.m., and will be followed by Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his honor to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry, NH 03053. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY Leslie William Stewart



Leslie William Stewart, 72, of New Boston, NH, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Nov. 17, 1951 in Saco, ME, a son of William Stewart and the late Margaret (Graffam) Stewart. He grew up in

Londonderry, NH and returned there many years later, finally residing in New Boston, NH.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Dyanna (Backman) Stewart of New Boston; his son, Mark Stewart and wife Amber: his daughters. Melissa Hurd. and Christine Stewart; six grandchildren, Makayla Bourgeois, Nick Hurd, Holly, Thayne, Dalton, and Margaret (Maggie) Stewart; two great grandchildren, Victor and Cade Thibeault; one brother, Gary Stewart and wife Robin: three sisters. Janice Stewart. Juanita Stewart and Rebecca Hardin; his mother-in-law, Paulina Backman; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A calling hour was held on Monday, Nov. 18t in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. The funeral service will followed in the funeral home. The burial will be in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Toys for Tots as he was a very giving man.



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Library Trustees Review Online Policy. Announces Card Challenge V

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The Leach Library Board of Trustees opened its meeting on Nov. 6 with a brief debate on approving material posted on the library website by staff members or Trustees.

"The problem was that we felt there needs to be a chain of custody of anything that's officially put on the library site," said Trustee Liz Thomas. "On the library site it's under the purview between the Board of Trustees and the librarians on what should

be posted and when it should be posted."

The focus was on ensuring nothing posted online would unintentionally imply endorsement by the library as an institution. This included posting videos of meetings on the library website, though not necessarily the town website.

Following this Assistant Library Director and Head of Technical Services Donna Plante gave an update on their recent Staff Development Day last October.

"I think it was very

successful. the staff seemed to enjoy it," said Plante. "Some of the things we did is that we actually went to Manchester City Library and the Director and Deputy Director were very kind to us and they gave us a tour of the public areas in the staff areas before they gave us some insight into how they do things there. That was really great."

As part of the Development Day, library employees attended a workshop on the advantages and pitfalls of artificial intelligence.

Plante also announced that Leach Library won the Granite State Library Card Challenge.

"We participated in kind of a fun competition with other public libraries during the month of September, where we all competed to get the most new card sign-ups and renewals. During September, we got over 800 patrons visits to renew or sign-up for a new card, which was a huge increase," explained. "We have the trophy upstairs. It's kind of a traveling trophy so Services Megan Donoit'll go to the winner

next year, but our name is on it permanently."

The library used a postcard campaign sent out to patrons whose cards had expired, reminding them to renew. Plante said she was "amazed" by the success of their effort.

Trustee Chair Kim Bears thanked Plante and the library staff for their hard work.

"It's amazing how far this library has come in the past three years," said Bears.

van announced that in visitor numbers.

addition to card renewals, more people were checking out books and other materials from the library.

"We did have 16,411 materials checked out of our physical and digital collections," said Donovan. "That's amazing, it's much higher than last year, which I think was around 14,000. We continuing to see a high volume of visitors at the library, in October we had 6,827 visitors."

Meaning this years Head of Circulation number of vistors has already surpassed 2023

igh School

continued from page 1 pate in the dual enrollment programs at Southern NH University and or Manchester Community College.

Soucy explained that for \$150. the programs allows stu-

students can take up to two classes at Manchester Community College at no cost, and then are able to get three credits

dents to earn college dents take advantage of of 383 credits at Mancredit while they are still this program," Soucy chester Community Col-

said.

For the 2024-2025 in high school. She said school year, students are earning 307 credits during the first semester from Manchester Community College and 120 at Southern NH University. For all of 2023-2024 "Many of our stu- students earned a total lege, and 240 credits at AP exams this spring. Southern NH University.

"Students are definitely taking advantage of those opportunities," Soucy said during the meeting.

The School Board received an update, during the meeting, on the number of students who are expected to take the

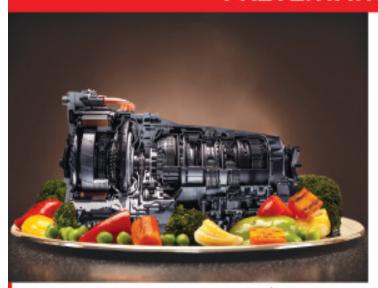
It was noted that for the 2025 school year, it is expected that 465 AP exams will be taken, which is up significantly from 2024, when 306 exams were taken. In 2023, 205 exams were taken, and 212 in 2022.

Soucy explained that they have a grant that

they received so students don't have to pay for the AP exams, which they expect is the reason for the large increase in the number of exams being taken.

The next School Board meeting is set to take place on Dec. 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Scout Troop 426 continued its tradition of supporting individual and troop activities with their annual Christmas wreath sale. The troop is hoping to sell nearly 450 wreaths this season. Scouts went door-to-door in September and October to take pre-orders, then decorated and sorted them on Saturday, Nov. 23. Over 350 wreaths were decorated in the Matthew Thornton Elementary cafeteria this year. The troop will also take a supply of our decorated wreaths to Plummer's Farm, on Pillsbury Road to sell over the Thanksgiving weekend and first weekend of December. Photos by Chris Paul











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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

ancers Beat Blue Hawks Head to Division Finals

LONDONDERRY TIMES

Tans of the London-◀ derry High School Football team that chose to brave the cold temperatures and stiff winds at the Division I semifinals against the Blue Hawks were treated to an outstanding game, that finished with a final seconds field goal for a 31-28 Lancers victory.

The hard-fought win Thompson. sends the number threeseeded Londonderry, into a State Championship game with the number four-seed, rival Pinkerton Academy, on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Exeter High School.

The semifinal victory over the Exeter High School team, in Exeter,

on Saturday, Nov. 23, an early penalty result- point where he was able looked as though it would be a one-sided Lancer victory early on, but the Blue Hawks charged back in the second half, forcing Londonderry into a tie game at 28-28 late in the fourth. LHS went ahead with three-seconds left on the clock thanks to a game-winning field-goal by senior kicker Blake

Londonderry had a 21-7 lead going into the second half, but Exeter scored two touchdowns in the third quarter and another in the fourth to force Londonderry the Kick from the 28-yard

Londonderry started the game on offense, but ed in a quick three-andout and a punt to the P.A.T. points. EHS 45-vard line.

The LHS defense quickly got the ball back for the LHS offense, forcing a three-and-out of their own, allowing the Lancers to start the next drive at the 23-yard line.

The first play in the series resulted in a 60yard gain by junior running back Adrian Cruz, who bolted the sideline to the Exeter 17-yard

It took just two-more plays before senior quarterback Sam Ogden ran the ball in from the five-vard line from the two for a touchdown.

From there, Thompson added the extrato tie the LHS record for

The current record was held by Charlie MacInnis. MacInnis had 82 career P.A.T. points in 1997.

The Lancers defense forced another put after three downs, where Londonderry was able to start their third drive at the 33-yard line.

It took nine plays for Londonderry to go up by 14 in the first play of the second quarter after a series of running plays by Cruz, Ogden and Jordan Ball.

The LHS touchdown came on a one-yard run by Ball. Thompson followed up with a record-

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Senior Blake Thompson kicked the game-winning field goal in a thrilling Div. I semifinal game against the Blue Hawks. Photo by Chris Paul



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continued from page 9 breaking point-after and a 14-0 Lancers lead at 11:53 in the second.

The Lancers defense was able to keep the Blue Hawks offense frustrated, with Alex Villa sacking the EHS QB on their third play.

Starting the next series at the Exeter 49, Ogden completed a 43yard pass to senior Ethan Wheeler, who ran it in for the three-score lead.

extra-point for a 21-0 Lancer lead at 9:38 in the second

started to find holes in the Lancers offense and able level the score in the second half.

Before half the ended, and after the first TD by Exeter, senior Matt Luongo was able to make a touchdown saving interception at the Lancer goal-line to keep LHS ahead by 14 at half-

The Lancers were kept scoreless in the third quarter, while giving up two more touchdown to a surging Exeter squad.

Londonderry able to regain the lead at 6:56 in the fourth quarter after the LHS defense forced a turnover on downs by Exeter.

Ogden was able to put the score at 28-21 with a three-yard run for a touchdown, followed Thompson added the by another Thompson extra-point.

Exeter's next drive, tied the game at 28-28 From there, Exeter with just over a minute left on the game clock.

Starting at their 35the Blue Hawks were yard line, Londonderry was able to get the ball down to the one-yard line with 18-seconds left, but a holding penalty brought it back to the 14-yard line.

> From there, with left. three seconds



Sam Ogden, left, and Arian Cruz accounted for 213-yards rushing yards.

game-winning 38-yard field goal from the 28yard line as the clock expired, triggering the celebration of beating the undefeated Blue Hawks.

Thompson finished

Thompson kicked the the game with 85 career P.A.T points, a new Londonderry record.

> Londonderry ished with 339-yards of Paquette caught for 49total offense, 227 on the ground and 112-yards in the air.



Senior Matt Luongo made a touchdown-saving interception in Exeter. Photos by Chris Paul

all of the passing yards tackles. and Arian Cruz led in running with 145-yards.

Wheeler and Ethan and 48-yards respective-

On defense, Villa had Ogden accounted for three sacks and seven

Sophomore Davis Magarian had eight tackles in the game.

The game against Pinkerton Academy is scheduled for this Saturday, at the Bill Ball Stadium, starting at 1 p.m.



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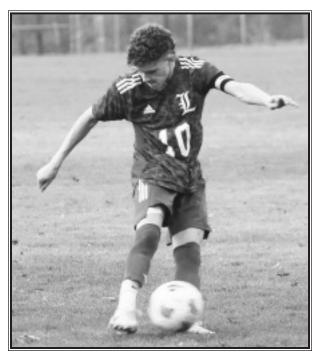
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Lancer Soccer Has Six Players Selected for All-State



Zachary Mantegari

CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association made their selections for this year's Division I All-State teams and four Londonderry boys and two girls where recognized for their efforts on the field.

Senior Zachary Mantegari was named to the First Team. Fellow seniors Tiago Keyes and Brett McKinnon were named to the state's Second Team and sophomore Will Gingrow was given Honorable Mention.

For the Lancers girls' squad, senior Regan Anderson was selected to the Second Team and senior Kate Sloper was given defender, played every in her defensive work Honorable Mention.

Mantegari, a forward for LHS was also named team and scored two

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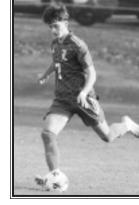
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Regan Anderson

to All New England Team, and made the Lions Cup Team. The two-year senior captain had 22 goals and six assists this season.

Keyes, another LHS made the Lions Cup Team and had seven goals and 11 assists this season.

donderry midfielder finished the season with eight goals and 12 assists.

minute of the season as a center back for the

Anderson, a second year captain, led the Lady Lancers offense for the second year in a row, getting 19 goals. She also had six assists for forward captain, also LHS and has been on the varsity squad all four years of hr high school career.

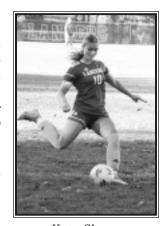
According to the girls McKinnon, a Lon- head coach, Erin Dallas, "Anderson leads by example, is a hard worker and competitor. She has a good first touch, Gingrow, a Lancers was solid and consistent and a great teammate

and person."

Sloper, was a third year captain and has also been on varsity all four years of her career.

Sloper was a Defender this year and also plays center midfielder. She had five goals this season and led the team with eight assists.

Dallas commented, "Sloper is a playmaker, positive and vocal leader and has good vision of the field. She takes most of our free practice and games and kicks, disrupts play with authority and consistency, always works hard in and off the field."



Kate Sloper Photos by Chris Paul

always helped to better her teammates both on

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Dinner Meeting

Londonderry The Lions Club will hold a meeting on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry United Methodist church, 258 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Enjoy dinner, connect with community minded individuals, and learn more about the impactful work the group does. Whether you're curious about joining, or just want to support the groups efforts, come on by. For more information

please contact John Blay cards accepted 603-247-7361.

Holiday Craft Fair

A craft fair will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, from 3 - 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Homes of NH Realty, 200 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, All proceeds benefit the animals at Live and Let Live Farm Rescue. Fine selections of handmade items, porcelain dolls, games, puzzles, holiday décor, and more Cash, checks, and debit & credit

St. Thomas Used Toy

The annual St. Thomas Used Toy Sale will be held on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at St Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry, NH. Arrive early for the best selection. All proceeds go to charity. Cash only. Bring your own bags.

Wiggle Worms Story

Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

beginning now through Dec. 11, toddlers and their caregivers are invited for story time at the Leach Librarywith songs, rhymes, books, and more. For ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

DIY Holiday Decor

The Green Team of Londonderry will be making an all natural holiday door swag on Dec. 7, from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Each person will make a door swag of their own to take home. All materials will be provided. The event will be held at the YMCA. \$25 per swag or \$30 for a Family. This is a fundraising event for the Green Team's pollinator garden project. Space is limited to 25 participants, so register now. For more information contact the Green Team at www.facebook.com/group s/GreenTeamLondonderry NH or marge@margebadois.com

Tinker Time

Join Leach Library staff on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. for Tinker Time. A variety of toys and games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try. Registration is recommended and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-

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Curious about reserving library materials online from home? Want to learn how to access library databases and digital collections? Looking to get started with Libby and Hoopla? Need help navigating a new device? The Leach Library provides one-onone assistance tailored to technology-related needs.

No appointment is necessary. Stop in any Thursday between 10 a.m. - noon.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning now through Dec. 10, a story time program for babies 0-18 months old will be held at the Leach Library. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

Cookbook Potluck

Join the Leach Library on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. for a cookie themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either 100 Cookies. Please make a

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Public hearing on an application for formal review of a Compliance Alternative request per section 2.2.3 of the Woodmont Commons PUD relating to Block Type/Lot Type. 36 Pillsbury Road (Map 10, Lot 42) zoned AR-1 and Woodmont Commons Planned Unit Development (PUD). Procopio Companies (Applicant) & Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC (Owner).

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Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 18 10:53 a.m. Services rendered for a complaint on Picadilly Circle.

1:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Michels Way at Nashua Road.

6:28 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Overlook Avenue.

Tuesday - Nov. 19 6:29 a.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport Taken/Referred to another agency.

8:15 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at Sanborn Road, leads to and arrest. Martin Pagan Cintron, 48, of Manchester, charged

with: Operate a Vehicle License Required. after Certified as a Habitual Offender.

11:53 a.m. Services rendered during a Disturbance at the 7-Eleven on Lane. Ryan O'Sullivan, Rockingham Road.

12:18 p.m. Trespassing reported on Litchfield Road.

3:16 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Wilshire Drive.

5:02 p.m. Motor vehicle accident, at Giovanni's Roast Beef, on Rockingham Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Jerrold Vincent Fitz-Simon, 59, of Londonderry, charged with Operating a vehicle without a Valid License -

7:01 p.m. Three officers assist another Police Department with an arrest on Pendleton 35, of Raymond, Arrested on a Warrant.

Wednesday - Nov. 20 9:32 a.m. Report of a Dog Bite investigated by Animal Control on Vista Ridge Drive.

10:03 a.m. Suspicious Activity reported on

1:33 p.m. Eight officers assist the Manchester Police Department with an arrest on Ross Drive. Shawn Price, 20, of Manchester, Arrested on a

Litchfield Road.

Warrant.

tal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

4:20 p.m. Sex Offenses Lane, at Pillsbury Road. reported on Westmin- 5:03 p.m. Services renster Drive.

8:52 p.m. Services rendered during a Disturbance on Danbury Court. 10:53 p.m. Peace restored by four officers during a Disturbance on Stage Coach Circle.

Thursday - Nov. 21 **6:05 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Transport to a hospital from All American Assisted Living on Button Drive. 10 a.m. Welfare Check

conducted on Winding Pond Road.

12:49 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on Whittemore Road. Susana Barreto, 39, of Londonderry, Arrested on a Warrant.

1:37 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry Middle School.

4:06 p.m. Services rendered for a Shooting Complaint received on Pheasant Run.

4:47 p.m. Four officers respond to a Shooting Complaint on Anderson

dered on Litchfield Road to Keep the Peace.

Friday - Nov. 22 12:03 a.m. Five officers investigate report of a Missing Person at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

8:43 a.m. Services Rendered Criminal Mischief 9:42 p.m. Welfare Check reported at EFI, on Innovation Way.

10:47 a.m. Report of Trespassing at Triangle Mall, on Willow Street, leads to an arrest made by Three officers. Angel Marie Horton, 31, of Manchester, charged on Bench Warrants.

2:44 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Harvey Road.

6:19 p.m. Four officers conduct a Welfare Check at Lucciano's Cafe on Orchard View Drive.

Saturday - Nov. 23 **10:41 a.m.** Auto Theft investigated at Penske Truck Rental on Jack's

Bridge Road.

11:42 a.m. Services rendered for Weapons Offenses on Shadow Ridge Road.

2:16 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Bockes Road.

4:15 p.m. Five officers rendered services for a Fire on Elwood Road.

conducted by four officers on Sherwood Road.

Sunday - Nov. 24

11:38 a.m. Welfare Check on Forest Street results in transport to a hospital.

1:25 p.m. Violation of a Protective Order investigated on Mohawk Drive. 3:22 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Birch Street. Taber Marceau, 33, of Derry, charged with: Violation of a Protective Order, and Stalking - Domestic Violence.

6:12 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on High Range Road.

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batch of 24 cookies. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or preparation. accurate Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. To register, contact the library.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: Dec. 4 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.

Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weighins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

Free Meals

Heaven's Kitchen Mobile Meals is providing FREE hot meals in Londonderry every Tuesday and Thursday. They'll be serving at the leach Library parking lot now through March 28, 2025 from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Free PFOA Water Test By NHDES

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator -MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov, Phone: 603.271.8801

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OBITUARY Carol A. Tomaswick



Carol A. Tomaswick, 81, of Londonderry, NH passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Sept. 19, 1943 in New York City, the daughter of the late Harold Applegate and Anne O.

Young and she was raised by her mother and her stepfather, Andrew W. Bub in Lindenhurst, NY.

She was married to her husband, Jim Tomaswick for over 59 years. After they left the military service, the family decided to put down their roots in Londonderry in 1970.

Carol enjoyed working at the Londonderry school library where she worked and volunteered for many years. She also volunteered with town elections where she was known for her vibrant personality and the patriotic pins she wore. Later in life she was proud to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Above all, she cherished her family and enjoyed spoiling loved ones. She loved and doted on her grandchildren. nieces, and nephews. Her grandkids were her pride and joy. She never missed concerts, games, birthdays, or any reason to make someone feel special. This included her pets who enjoyed being equally spoiled by her.

She is survived by her husband, Jim and their son Jamey and his wife Cindy. Two grandchildren, Ashley and her husband Cory Williams, and Jimmy and his wife Colleen Tomaswick. She leaves her 3 great granddaughters MacKenzie, Olivia and Ellie. Also surviving are her brother Andrew and his wife Connie Bub, her sister Janet (Bub) Gilbert, her brother-in-law Joe and his wife Betsy Tomaswick and several adored nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Nov. 25, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Private interment will be at a later date in West Point Cemetery, West Point, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be directed to the Wounded Warrier Project https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org.

OBITUARY

Janet Grace Atkinson



Janet Grace Atkinson of Londonderry. NH, passed away on Nov. 18, 2024 at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH after a wonderful life of 97 years.

She was born June 12, 1927 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of the late John and Ida (Adolfson) Freeman. Janet was also predeceased by her

husband Samuel C. Atkinson as well as by her brother Kenneth Freeman, her granddaughter Emily Marquis and her grandson Daniel Marquis.

After Janet graduated from high school she started her first job in New York City working at the Chrysler Building, something she was very proud of.

Janet loved to bake Christmas Cookies and her world famous Christmas Puddings with hard sauce. She spent many years creating counted cross stitch pictures, knitting, and sewing. All her dachshund dogs brought her many years of joy and laughter. Janet was a Sunday school teacher for 25 years at Dean St Chapel in Freeport, NY. She lived with her family in Wantagh, NY for 37 years and relocated to New Hampshire to retire near her family. She brought so much joy to all the people who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be dearly missed.

Janet's loving family includes her four children; Norman Atkinson and his wife Barbara of Gates, NY, Arlene Marguis and her husband Paul of Litchfield, NH, Lois Parsons and her husband Kevin of Hudson, NH, John Atkinson and his wife Debbie of Elkton, MD, a sister; Elaine Johnson of Land O Lakes, FL, 10 grandchildren and their spouses; Keith and Rayna Parsons of Cape Coral, FL, Matthew and Leah Parsons of Bow, NH, Diana Parsons of Concord, NH, Adam Marquis and Kathy Demerest of Denver, CO, David and Kenny Marquis of Concord, NH, Peter and Lauren Marquis of Telford, PA, Sam Marquis and Katie Lee of Manchester, NH, Jonathan and Maggie Atkinson of Newark, DE, Michelle and Josh Donaldson of Tampa, FL and Andrea and Anthony Marks of Raleigh, NC. Also 7 great grandchildren: Kayla, Ashley, Alaina, Kris, David, Aiden and Claire.

A time of visitation was held on Saturday, Nov. 23 where a Service of Remembrance followed in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial will be private.

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