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Heinrich Appointed Acting Fire Chief of Londonderry

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After just over a year of being appointed Londonderry Fire Chief, Bo Butler resigned his duties as commander of the department, citing budget constraints, Assistant Fire Chief, Fred Heinrich, has taken over command as of Saturday, Nov. 2.

In a press release from the Town of Londonderry Office of Human Resources, issued last week, town officials stated, "Following consultation with the Town Manager and the Town Council, I am pleased to announce that Assistant Fire Chief,

Fred Heinrich, has been appointed as Acting Fire Chief. At 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2024, command of Londonderry Fire Department will officially transfer to Heinrich following the retirement of Fire Chief, Bo Butler, on November 1. This appointment will remain in effect until such time as a permanent appointment is made.

With over 30 years of service to the Londonderry Fire Department, the Town Manager and Town Council have the utmost confidence in Assistant Chief Heinrich's ability to assume full command of the

department."

Tara Koza, the Human Resources Director for the Town of Londonderry, signed the statement.

Separately, in a "Letter of Resignation" to the town, Bo Butler reiterated his love for the town he was born and raised.

The letter states, "With my honor, integrity & character maintained - and my oath upheld - I tender this resignation as Chief of Department, effective 01 Nov 2024.

My Hometown: I carried you with me into the Valley of the Shadow. When I returned home, **continued on page 6**



Trial Run

Youngsters at Moose Hill School had a chance to display their Halloween outfits Thursday before heading for Trick or Treating. The annual parade had family members line the entrance to watch students and staff members.

Photo by Chris Paul

Town's Proposed Budget Increases to Nearly \$45M

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town of Londonderry had its budget kickoff on Saturday, Nov. 2, which included a preview of the proposed operating budget of nearly \$4 million over last year's budget.

"For fiscal year 2026 the proposed budget as it currently stands is \$44,820,806," Finance Director, Justin Campo, said, presenting on the behalf of the Administration.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, was not in attendance for the meet-

ing. As it stands now, Campo noted that the proposed operating budget would be about \$3.7 million more than the FY-25 operating budget.

One of the increases, Campo pointed to is the **continued on page 2**

Local Farming Legacy Ends with Andy Mack Passing

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town of Londonderry lost another key figure to the rural quality of life established by its forefathers.

Andy Mack Sr., passed away over the weekend, leaving behind countless attributes he and his family were able to bring to the community.

Born, Andrew C. Mack, on Oct. 4, 1935, in Manchester, Andy was the son of Wallace and Grace, Pillsbury, Mack.

Andy was responsible for running the family farm for most of his

adult life and had a passion for all living things around him.

His family farm, Mack's Apples, was founded in 1732 by John Mack, who emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, to New Hampshire. In the 1800s, the family began to concentrate on growing apples, and the farm was formally registered as a business in 1962.

After graduating from the University of New Hampshire, he became the seventh generation of family members to work the land in Londonderry.

According to his obituary, Andy served his community as the Londonderry Town and School moderator, was a layperson at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, and a Vice President at Derry Bank and Trust. He also was a member of the Derry **continued on page 2**

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Andy Mack Sr. fields questions on some of his signs in 2020. Photo by Chris Paul

Andy Mack Sr.

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Rotary.

In his later years, Andy spurred quite a bit of public discussion over the signs he would paint in the center of town on plywood.

Andy also welcomed many political figures to the farm stand over the years. Kamala Harris, Joe Biden, and Barack Obama all made stops at the farm. Michelle Obama was also a visitor to the farm and carved pumpkins on Adams Road with her daughters.

Over the years, Mack worked to conserve the open space of the family farm and was particularly found of the Overlook area, which is now part

of the Town Forest overlooking the pond.

Andy sold the family business to Kyle Christensen in 2021, who currently maintains the farming tradition.

The nearly 300-year old farm, known as Moose Hill Orchards was the oldest family-run farm in the state, having been run by the Mack family for eight generations, before being sold.

He was also a bit of a world traveler later in life, and an avid skier, cyclist, and windsurfer. Andy leaves behind three sons, Andrew C. Mack Jr. and his wife Carol, Timothy W. Mack and his wife, Patricia, and Jonathan R. Mack and his partner, Dr. Angel Leyva.

He also has two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 23 years, Sandra (Senter) Mack, his infant daughter, Jennifer, brother, Wallace Mack III, and sister, Dixie Mack.

OBITUARY

Andrew "Andy" C. Mack

Andrew "Andy" C. Mack, 89, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Saturday Nov. 2, 2024, in Parkland Medical Center following complications of a long illness. He was born on Oct. 4, 1935, in Manchester, NH, son of the late Wallace and Grace (Pillsbury) Mack. A Londonderry NH native, he spent most of his life working the multi-generational family farm.

Mack attended Pinkerton Academy in Derry, where he would later become a trustee. Graduating from UNH with an agricultural degree, he served in the Army, in the Chemical Corp. He then returned to the family farm as the 7th generation to work the land. Mack sold the development rights to the town in the '90s, and later sold the business to Kyle Christensen, who maintains the farming tradition today.

Andy served his community in several ways: as Londonderry Town and School moderator, as a layperson at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, as a VP at Derry Bank and Trust, and as a Derry Rotarian. He was an active member of the apple industry in the Northeast.

He later worked with the town and local groups to provide space for future Londonderry municipal expansion, and transferred land for Moose Hill School, the Londonderry Historical Society, and Orchard Christian Fellowship.

He was an avid skier, cyclist, and windsurfer. A physician once claimed he accumulated "more injuries than Evel Knievel". A fan of open space, trees, birds, and poetry, he followed his interests internationally: from Spain, to Hawaii, Aruba, Puerto Rico, and the Hood River in Oregon. A political activist, he became known for his roadside signs, painted on 4x8 plywood sheets, which amused many, and chagrined more than a few.

Andy is survived by his three sons, Andrew C. Mack Jr. and his wife Carol, Timothy W. Mack and his wife Patricia, and Jonathan R. Mack and his partner Dr Angel Leyva; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 23 years, Sandra (Senter) Mack, his infant daughter Jennifer, brother Wallace P Mack III, and sister Dixie P Mack.

Following cremation, a private memorial gathering and burial will take place at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Londonderry Trailways (www.londonderrytrails.org). To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

Budget

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legally mandated and staffing issues that increased overtime by more than \$959,000.

Another increase is the waste collection and recycling contract, which increased by \$171,530. Campo noted that despite the increase the contract for the services will still be lower than the other surrounding towns.

The town will also be seeing an increase of \$119,716 for fire hydrants, and will also be seeing an increase of \$1,118,931, for insurance and benefits, which will impact the proposed budget.

It was also noted that they would have an increase of \$77,522, which will be for IT con-

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Proposed Library Budget Up 4.5 Percent Over FY24

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library was one of the different departments the Town Council heard from during its initial budget kickoff presentation last Saturday.

Library Director, Erin Matlin, during the budget presentation, gave an overview of what the Library has been doing including collaborating with different programs in town.

Some of those programs include the Londonderry Arts Council, Londonderry Historical Society, the Senior Center, the Recreation Department, Green Team of

Londonderry, local restaurants and businesses, LAFA, and others.

Matlin also spoke about the number of patrons the Library has had this past year, saying in FY24 they finished the year with 76,872 patrons, in FY25 they are projected to end the year with 78,409 patrons, and in FY26 they are projected to have 79,978 patrons.

She also noted that they are happy with the number of people who have enjoyed their summer reading program and activities with 107 different programs at the Library during the sum-

mer and they had over 53,000 items checked out during the summer.

"It is clear we are very busy," Matlin said, explaining that they expect to continue to have more demand.

As part of the increased demand, Matlin said they were looking to put forward a warrant article on the ballot asking voters to add a full-time children's librarian to the Library.

Some of the things they would be responsible for includes assisting with planning and leading programming, assisting with collection development for the

children's room, giving opportunities for other staff to do off desk work or cover other desks in the library, among other duties.

"We do have a desperate need for a full time children's librarian," Matlin said due to the demand.

She also explained that they currently have one full time department head for the Children's room and staff rotates to cover the desk when that department head isn't able to.

Overall, the proposed budget for the Library would be at \$1,567,629.77, as of now, which would be about a

4.5% increase over FY25.

It was noted by Matlin that the increase in the proposed budget included a 3% cost of living adjustment and an up to 3.5% merit increase for staff.

One question raised by the budget committee was whether or not their budget is "right sized" meaning they have enough funds in the budget to pay for needed things.

Matlin explained that

they "are not in the best place," meaning they need more staff and funding for some areas, but with the additional children's librarian, if it's approved, they would then be a good place.

Assistant Library Director, Donna Plante, said they wouldn't be able to do much more within the current budget.

"It's surviving, not thriving," she said.

Budget

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tracts that provide various services and cybersecurity.

This year's proposed Default Budget as of now is \$44,000,060, which is about \$793,000 less than the proposed operating budget as of now.

Campo in describing the increase for the Default Budget explained that they have a number of contractual obli-

gations that they have increases for this year.

One discussion that took place was surrounding community events and atmosphere with Campo explaining that they try to find funding to help with things like Old Home Days, Concert on the Commons, and other events, but said there are unfunded budget costs such as over time costs for the prep work and for public safety.

"What is not funded

is the overtime associated with Old Home Day," Campo said.

He also noted that there are things that they don't budget for overtime currently with one example being police and fire helping with elections and with presidential candidate visits for example.

Town Councilor, John Farrell, suggested that they consider looking at a warrant article to help pay for those costs mov-

ing forward.

He said they should consider \$100,000 for the warrant article at first to begin the conversation.

Campo said he would work with the department heads to come up with a more accurate cost that is needed for the different overtime.

The next Londonderry budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Nov. 12 during the Town Council meeting.

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Editorial

Hope for Peace

Veterans Day, once known as Armistice Day, is not a time of celebration, but rather intended instead as a break in the routine. It is a time to reflect on our freedoms and the sacrifices of those who have fought to defend what we hold dear, that which we often take for granted.

Armistice Day began at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, a date that Americans would honor because it marked "the war to end all wars", which turned out to be premature.

We turned hope into wishful thinking, which is the message that underlies what is now known as Veterans Day. Due to the deaths and devastation of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, the Gulf war, Iraq, and Afghanistan, it was essential to spread the message of hope and peace, which was provided by President Wilson. Wilson wrote a proclamation on November 11th, proclaiming Armistice Day. Let us hope that message is as strong today as it was then. Let us not simply accept that power and greed will rule forever.

When Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and established Armistice Day, in a resolution passed in 1926, it referred to a phrase found in a document related to Veterans Day. This signified the idea that America was returning to a state of peace after the war, with the hope that peace would be permanent, and that the end of war would be the beginning of peaceful relations around the world.

The phrase found in the document goes as follow, "Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far-reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed..." The resolution continues to say, "It is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations," advocating marking the date "with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

In 1938, November 11th became a federal holiday, dedicated to world peace. In 1954, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to honor veterans for their service in all the wars.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs emphasizes that Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge their contributions to national security, and to underscore that all those who have served, living and dead, have sacrificed and done their duty to their country.

It's much more than a day when mail isn't delivered or school is not in session. Veterans Day should serve as a reminder that our veterans deserve recognition and thanks for their sacrifice, and an acknowledgment of what they are fighting for; which is ultimately world peace.



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Letters

Late to the Party

To the editor,
Once again I am late to the party, but want to give a shout out to Steve Homsey and Michael Yochim for their letters to the editor of Oct. 24th. Thank you, thank you and may our better Angels vote thanks to both of you.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Senior Information Expo After Action Evaluation

To the editor,
Just a brief note to thank The Londonderry Times for its article about our last Senior Resource Committee evaluation of our last Expo. This is our most important meeting of the year because this is where we learn what we can do better to make this event as useful as possible for seniors and anyone else who wants to know more about the services that are available. We are very proud of our event. As this event grows, we are developing a deeper understanding and larger contact list of the many services out there to help people in need. We are still learning, and I hope never to stop learning ways to make this more valuable to

you.

A huge thank you to all the participants, town offices, and members/liaisons of the Senior Resource Committee. We look forward to seeing you next year with an even better Expo.

Jim Green
Londonderry

Noise pollution?

To the editor,
Like many residents, I settled in Londonderry largely for its rural, peaceful environment but that peace and tranquility comes under attack, every fall. I'm referring to the ceaseless, obnoxious buzz of leaf blowers that seems to start early October and carries through to the end of November. The worst of it, is what I call the "lawn care SWAT teams" where a truck and trailer pull up to a house disgorging a crew of 4 or 5 who immediately fire up a collection of mower/baggers, weed whackers and leaf blowers. After an hour or so their headache-inducing noise thankfully ends, only to be replaced by the same din a few houses further away. There are days when overlapping leaf blowers may be heard literally from sun up to sun down. Lawn maintenance crews and

homeowners using leaf blowers almost always wear noise-eliminating head phones but what about their neighbors?

We're all aware of air, water and land pollution and even light pollution interfering with our view of the night sky but I'd like to propose yet another form of pollution namely, noise. Just as we mentally ignore the visual ugliness of telephone poles and wires (although photographers are well aware of it) have we also become mentally numb to the constant background drone of leaf blowers? This is not a novel issue. Some towns have even adopted ordinances restricting the times leaf blowers may be used in order to provide residents a little time when they can go outdoors and enjoy the sound of the breeze rustling the leaves and the birds.

Next time you go outdoors on a nice fall day, pay attention to what you hear. As our apple orchards turn into high density developments and increasing traffic congestion become the new normal, maybe we should stop and consider exactly what we value, here in Londonderry. One thing for sure, it's not noise.

Paul Lockwood
Londonderry,

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Annual Costume Parades Held at Local Schools



Londonderry students were able to display their costumes on Thursday, Oct. 31 during schools annual costume parades. At Moose Hill, the morning and afternoon sessions marched in front of the building and at Matthew Thornton, the Lancers Marching Band led the way around the entire school.

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Fire Chief

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covered in an invisible pollution - lost & off azimuth - you embraced me as your son. You supported me with unyielding love & in doing so, have taken part in the restoration of my soul. Londonderry - I will love you forever.

My Fire Department: You share the incommunicable experience of living the passion of life to its top while perform-

ing your sacred and selfless service to mankind. You sacrifice your youth. You sacrifice your health. You sacrifice your time - precious and finite. You sacrifice your energy and your effort. You sacrifice it all - for others. You sacrifice it all - for each other. You supremely give all of this & more. You experience the highest highs and the lowest lows. You witness death, trauma and suffering at a level so intimate that words will forever fail to

explain. You are the light at the tip of a candle - you burn hot and you burn bright. You understand the nature of suffering and darkness at a level incomprehensible to the civilian. You have sacrificed so much. This cherished gift of living the passion of life to its top is not a crutch, but a chisel. A chisel used to sculpt yourself - through your trauma, suffering & sacrifice of this noble calling - into the most enlightened and beauti-

ful group of human beings on this earth. Londonderry Fire - I will love you forever."

The letter ends with: "There is a way of losing that is finding. When soul overmasters sense; when the noble and divine self overcomes the lower self; when duty and honor and love - immortal things - bid the mortal perish.

It is only when a man supremely gives that he supremely finds."

The Londonderry Times reached out to Fred Heinrich for a statement on his new role, but did not receive a response.

We also asked Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, about the use of the word "retirement" in the statement on Heinrich's appointment. That question was also not answered.



Assistant Fire Chief, Fred Heinrich, was appointed as Acting Fire Chief and took over command as of Saturday, Nov. 2.



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North School Four Graders Experiment with Mad Science



Fourth grade students at North Elementary School were able to dally Mad Scientists experiments on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 31. The annual Halloween tradition had classes making Ghostly Goo, playing Halloween based games and searching grab-bags with disturbing contents.

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School Board Review Proposed Therapy Dog Policy

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board had a first reading and presentation regarding a new proposed policy

related to therapy dogs in schools.

It was explained by Londonderry High School Assistant Principals, Ryan O'Connor and Crystal Rich, that they

had formed a committee of teachers, support staff, counselors, and students to look at a potential policy.

As part of the process, it included get-

ting input from the different administrators across the school district along with feedback and advice from surrounding school districts who already have a policy in place.

"It's a new policy that we believe in, we think will garner quite a bit of support," O'Connor told the School Board.

During the meeting, it was explained that the policy isn't a new idea with the idea first being brought up about a decade ago, however, it didn't go anywhere at the time.

"Here we are with an opportunity," Rich told the School Board, noting they have a chance to implement the policy.

It was explained that the purpose of the policy "is to establish conditions under which a therapy dog assigned to support students will

be allowed in the Londonderry School District."

Some of the benefits noted for therapy dogs include reducing physiological symptoms of stress and increasing positive emotions. Another positive of the therapy dogs that was pointed to includes reducing negative behaviors.

One of the things pointed out as part of the proposed policy is that the dog handlers would be school district employees and would be required to have training.

"A handler, just like the dog, goes through a rigorous training as well," O'Connor told the School Board.

As part of the proposed policy, it was noted that parents/guardians will have the option to have their child have no interac-

tions with the dog, and it was also noted that the therapy dog would be the personal property of the handler, and not of the school district.

The policy also outlines that the School District would not be financially responsible for any of the costs or expenses associated with the therapy dogs.

It was also noted that if the policy does pass, then they would have a slow roll out for it running a pilot program at first.

It was noted by Superintendent, Dan Black, that the proposed policy has the support of himself, saying he is happy the Committee looked at not only the potential policy, but also how to implement it.

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

Lancer Twirlers Play with Fire



The Lancer Twirlers, Gretchen Murray, left, and Madison St. Gelais performed in the Londonderry High School football team's final regular season game recently, displaying their skills handling two flaming batons. This may have been their last opportunity for twirling at night, since the final football games will be played in daylight.



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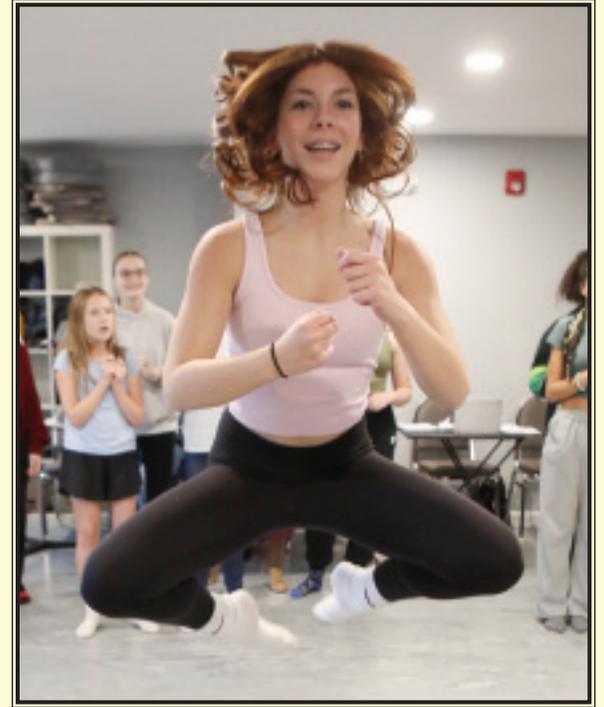

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Ovation Theatre Presents Cinderella, Starting on Friday



Ovation Theatre Company will be performing the Broadway Version of Cinderella on the Derry Opera House stage Friday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are available at ovationtc.com. Photos by Chris Paul

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Titans Eliminate Lancers Boys' Soccer in Penalty Kicks

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the second time in as many years the Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer squad had their season come to an end on penalty kicks after a 2-2 tie in regulation and two scoreless overtime periods.

The Lancers faced Nashua North, the number 14 seed, at home in the first round of the NHIAA Division I play-offs on Wednesday, Oct. 30. On what started as a very slippery, damp surface, due to overnight rain.

The game got off to a very positive start for the Lancers, scoring two unanswered goals in the first half, where the LHS



Noah Celio saved three of six during the overtime shootout.

crew looked to be dominating the overall play.

Senior Zach Mantegari scored the first playoff goal at 8:25 on a pass from senior Tiago Keyes just to the left of

the Titan's net.

Londonderry went ahead 2-0 at 15:59 when sophomore defender, Will Gingrow, put the ball past the Nashua tender, assisted by Zach

Mantegari.

The second half was a different story, with the Titans scoring at 9:50 and tying the game in the 29th minute.

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Tiago Keyes battles for the ball in the second half against the Titans. Photos by Chris Paul



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Blue Hawks Defeat Lancers 21-10, End Winning Streak

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Football team was able to remain on the top of the Division I Central standings despite dropping their final game of the regular season.

The Lancers four-game winning streak came to an end, finishing the season at 6-2 after a 21-10 loss suffered at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter.

Londonderry scored twice in the first half and trailed the Blue Hawks by just four-points after the half, but the Lancers inability to penetrate the Exeter defense in the second half led to the 11-point defeat.

The Lancers also had two drives end interceptions, one in their final

push in the fourth quarter.

The LHS offense led in rushing yard, getting 166-yards, with EHS tallying 128, but they trailed in passing with just 87 to Exeter's 156.

The Londonderry defense came up big during Exeter's first drive of the game, stopping them at the LHS 23-yard line, where the Blue Hawks missed on the field goal attempt.

It only took the EHS defense two plays to get the ball back after an interception and one play on offense for a 7-0 Exeter lead.

Following that score, Londonderry was able to drive to the 20-yard line in 10-plays to set up a field goal by senior kicker, Blake Thompson.

The ball just made it

over, bouncing off the bottom post.

On the next Blue Hawk possession, Exeter went ahead 14-3 after a nine-play drive ended with a two-yard run into the endzone.

Londonderry was able to close the gap 14-10 before the half ended with a 14-play drive, which ended with senior quarterback, Sam Ogden, completing a 12-yard pass to senior Mason Paquette, who was waiting in the endzone. Thompson's extra point was the final Londonderry points of the game.

Exeter was able to put seven more points on the board in the third quarter to tack make it an 11-point lead.

Ogden finished with 70-yards rushing with

Adrian Cruz getting 56-yards.

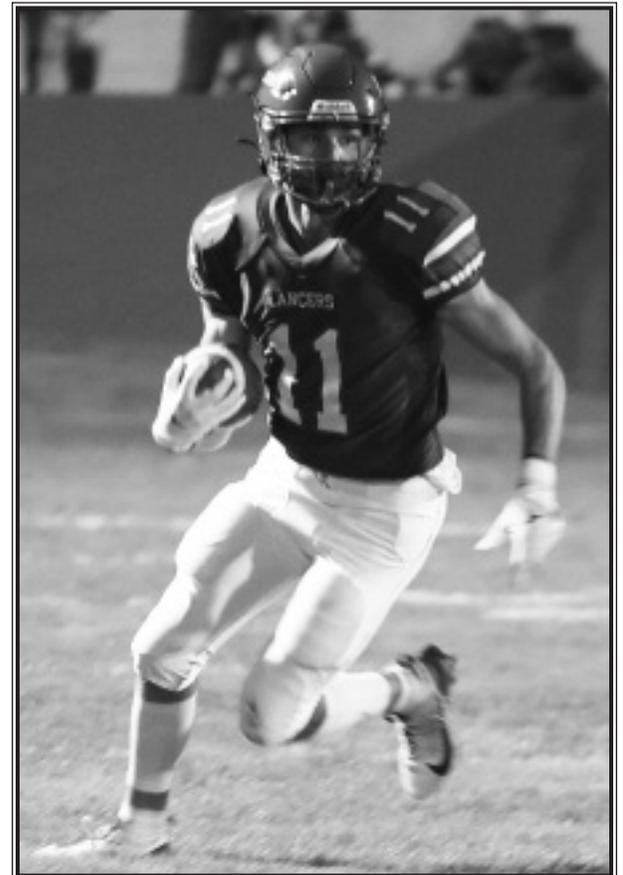
Alex Villa tallied 50-yards passing while Ogden put up 37-yards.

Mason Paquette and Nathan Marshall led the Lancers in total offense with 48- and 46-yards respectively.

Davis Magarian, Colby Walden, and Cooper Freitas each had four solo tackles on defense.

Londonderry's first game of the NHIAA Division I Championship is scheduled to take place at Lancer Park on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m.

The Lancers received a bye as the number three seed and will play the winner of the Nashua South (#6) vs. Bishop Guertin (#11). The First Round game will take place on Friday night, Nov. 8, at Souhegan High School.



Lancer senior, Mason Paquette, had the only LHS touchdown of the night against the Exeter Blue Hawks. Photo by Chris Paul

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Wildcats Flag Football Squad Wins State Title

The Londonderry Wildcats K-2 Flag Football team was able to battle to a 18-12 victory over the weekend and were awarded the state championship for their efforts.

The Wildcats were one touchdown better than their opponents on Sunday, Nov. 3 and were able to celebrate their victory at Gill Stadium in Manchester.

Wildcats Team D also had success at the Flag Super Bowl, on Oct. 19, where they played seven games, securing victories against teams from Derry, Merrimack, Bedford as well as another Londonderry team. Their only loss came in the second game of the day, to the team from Derry.

Team coaches are: Greg Wainwright and Brian Robinson. Players: Petey Copeland, Kash Delorme, Christopher Devine, Mason Grantham, Connor Grantham, Brian King, Jackson Locke, Charles O'Donaghue, Owen Quinlan, , Gavin Robinson and Lincoln Wainwright.

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The Lancers offense was unable to regain the lead despite a number of golden opportunities close to the Nashua goal.

The tying goal by the Titans came on a penal-

ty kick.

Deep into the second half, Londonderry had the go-ahead goal waived off by the officials for an off sides call.

The teams went through two overtime periods, where the Titans defense held their

ground and despite Londonderry having 15 shots on net to the Titans' two, the teams headed to a shootout.

In that shootout, junior Mike Totten and Gin-grow put their team up 2-1 with senior tender Noah Celio making three

terrific stops.

Unfortunately, that would be all the scoring and saves made for the Londonderry side, as Nashua was able to get three in over Londonderry's two.

LHS' head coach

responded after the game, "Unfortunately, we were not able to extend our lead in the second half and North hung in there. There were opportunities for us to turn things around, but it was just not meant

to be. We had a tremendous season, with a lot of great highlights, but it was not the end we were hoping for."

Nashua was defeated 1-0 in the next round by Keene, the number six seed.

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St Thomas Used Toy Sale

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.

beginning now through Dec. 11, toddlers and their caregivers are invited for story time at the Leach Library with 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.

Drop-In Tech Help

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-on-one 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.

Crafternoon

Drop in to this monthly crafting social hour on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., at the Leach Library bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. No registration is required.

War Fiction Book Discussion

On Thursday, Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m. come to the

Leach Library to discuss Tim O'Brien's novel *The Things They Carried*. Refreshments will be served. To register, contact the library.

Holiday Floral Design Workshop

The Londonderry Women's Club is excited to announce a special floral design demonstration and workshop on Wednesday evening, Nov. 20. Sylvia Roberts, a skilled member of the Derry Garden Club, will lead the session. With the theme "Designing with Greens for the Holidays," this hands-on workshop will teach basic floral design techniques in a relaxed setting. Attendees will create their own arrangements, perfect for adding a festive touch to their homes for the holiday season. LWC non-members interested in attending are invited to

contact the club via email at info@londonderrywomensclub.org for location, time, and cost details. While the club welcomes non-members to participate, those interested in becoming a member can learn more about the club's mission and activities on the website, www.londonderrywomensclub.com.

Bricks and Beyond

Teen and tween Lego fans are invited to the Leach Library on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 3-5 p.m. During this monthly program, participants will have the opportunity to use the library's Lego collection to complete fun challenges, create their own builds, or make mini movies with a stop motion camera. This program is intended for participants age 8-18. Registration

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OBITUARY

George "Jiggs" N. Griffin



George "Jiggs" N. Griffin, 86, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024 at Villa Crest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Manchester, NH. Born in Manchester on May 22, 1938, he was the son of the late George and Anastasia (Steckewicz) Griffin.

George grew up in Auburn, NH, attending the Auburn Village School and later Memorial High School in Manchester. After completing his education, he began working in the construction industry. In August 1961, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served honorably until his discharge in July 1967. The following year, George married Barbara L. Ross of Tewksbury, MA, and together they raised their family in Londonderry, NH.

A highly skilled heavy equipment operator, George built a long and distinguished career in the construction industry, working on major civil infrastructure projects throughout New England. He was very proud of, and truly loved, his 50-year career, during which he was employed by companies such as IUOE 98, RS Audley, Palazzi Corp, Allard Paving, Atom Contracting, George R. Cairns & Sons, and Continental Paving Inc., where he retired after 25 years of dedicated service.

George was a very loving and devoted husband and father who cherished time with his family. He enjoyed long scenic weekend drives with Barbara and snowmobiling with his children, Tye and Tracy. When he wasn't spending time with his family, George could be found in the garage fixing any type of machinery imaginable. Ever humble, he would often downplay his abilities, saying, "It's just nuts and bolts."

He is survived by his son, Tye Griffin of Auburn, NH; his daughter, Tracy Griffin and her husband Stephen Boyle of Spencer, MA; his grandson, Cody Griffin; and two great-grandchildren, Karliah and Kenway Griffin. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara (Ross) Griffin, in 1999, and his sister, Jane Griffin, in 1980.

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- Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a) 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Award (Bear Cat) to the Londonderry Police Department in the amount of \$397,275.
- Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(b) 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program Award (Elevated Threat for MHT) to the Londonderry Police Department in the amount of \$9,000.

The public hearing will occur on Monday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Londonderry Town Council

Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Oct. 28

8:18 a.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Cote Lane.

8:23 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Misty Lane.

9:21 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

1:35 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Colonial Drive. Roland Flores, 59, of Londonderry, charged with Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

4:03 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Mammoth Road. Joshua Farnan, 36, of Londonderry, Arrest On Warrant
11:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest made on Planeview Drive.

Tuesday - Oct. 29

1:12 a.m. Motor vehicle stop at the Park and Ride - North, on Symmes Drive, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Clifford Murray, 60, of Manchester, charged with: Driving After

Revoke/Suspension - for Driving Under the Influence; and Driving Under the Influence - Impairment second offense.

11:28 a.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments

2:52 p.m. Welfare Check on Gordon Drive taken/referred to another agency.

3:46 p.m. Motor vehicle stop at Shell Food Mart, on Nashua Road, leads to an arrest made by five officers. Derek Barczak, 42, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

Wednesday - Oct. 30

8:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Route 93 Southbound leads to an arrest. Yulia Vitalyevna Goudreau, 33, of Merrimack, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Following Too Closely.

8:19 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and Citation Issued on Harvey Road at Planeview Drive. Cesar Marcelo Momtemegro,

49, of Chelsea, Mass., charged with: Operating a Vehicle without a Valid License.

10:24 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Vista Ridge Drive.

12 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Nouria on Rockingham Road.

12:23 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on Boulder Drive. Joel Jackson, 60, of Londonderry, charged with Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

2:51 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on at the Manchester Police Department. Andres Rivera Flores, 40, of Manchester charged with: Criminal Threatening - with a Deadly Weapon; and two counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

5:56 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat on Rockingham Road Taken/Referred to another agency.

7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at Derry town line, on Nashua Road, leads to an arrest. Danelle

Woodman, 41, of Derry, arrested on a Warrant.

9 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated by three officers at Londonderry High School.

Thursday - Oct. 31

10:15 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Sweet Hill Road, Plaistow. Robert Zukas, 62, of Plaistow, Charged with: Conduct After an Accident.

9:16 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat Investigated by four officers on Moulton Drive.

10:27 p.m. Juvenile Offenses at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road leads to an arrest. Christopher Wilder, 18, of Lowell, charged with Criminal Trespass.

Friday - Nov. 1

12:22 a.m. Peace restored by four officers during a Disturbance on Granite Street.

7:49 a.m. Services Rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Charles Street.

10:59 a.m. Welfare Check on Reed Street results in transport to a hospital.

11:34 a.m. Welfare Check at Cvs Pharmacy, on Mammoth Road,

leads to an arrest made by four officers. Britiney Racca, 33, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Deal/Possession of Prescription Drugs; Transport Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; Possession of Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

2:11 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Apollo Road Extension.

2:28 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at the Londonderry Access Center on Mammoth Road.

2:37 p.m. Larceny/forgery/Fraud investigated at Citizen's Bank on Nashua Road.

5:14 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated by three officers on Perkins Road.

5:20 p.m. Animal Control Investigates a report of Dog Bite on Hyde Park Circle.

8:23 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at Workout Club and Wellness Center on Orchard View Drive.

Saturday - Nov. 2

11:31 a.m. Larceny/Forger/Fraud investigated on Apollo Road.

2:03 p.m. Five officers

respond to a Sudden Death on Mammoth Road. Taken/Referred to another agency.

2:30 p.m. Violation of Protective Order leads to an arrest made by six officers on Sherwood Road. George Dekeon, III, 36, of Londonderry, charged with Violation of a Protective Order.

6:24 p.m. Services Rendered for an Assault reported at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint on Planeview Drive leads to an arrest made by four officers.

Justin Lee Holt, 19, of Manchester, charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension; Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Bench Warrants.

11:31 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from Chase Road.

Sunday - Nov. 3

3:45 a.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check at Convenience Plus - Londonderry.

5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Harvey Road leads to an arrest. Rebecca Joyce, 34, of Merrimack, Arrested on a Warrant.

Around Town

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begins on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Movie Night

"Library After Dark" Movie Night will be held on Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. This is an after-hours movie night in the Leach Library's Main Reading Room. Follow a migrating duck family's trip from New England to Jamaica in a hilarious 2023 animated film (rated PG). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Nov. 8.

Fall Wooden Ornament Craft

Children are invited to on Monday, Nov. 18 at 4:30

p.m. to paint and decorate fall wooden cutouts at the Leach Library. All supplies will be provided and library staff will be on hand to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Nov. 11.

Children's Book Bingo

On Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m., everyone will have the chance to win at least one book of their choosing at the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins Nov. 13.

Fall Spa Day

Join the Leach Library for a fall-themed DIY spa evening on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Adults will learn how to make their own bath bombs, sugar scrubs, and bath soaks. This program is intended for ages 18 and

up. Registration begins on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Building Buddies

Come tot eh Leach Library on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

Baker Street Escapes

Unlock the mystery a mini escape room program once a month at the Leach Library in Study Room A for teens. This month will be on Friday, Nov. 22 from 3 - 4 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. This program is intended for participants age 12-18. Registration begins one week before each session.

Cookies and Coloring

Join Leach Library staff on Monday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. for a relaxing evening of coloring for adults. Cookies will be served, and each participant will receive a coloring book while supplies last. This program is intended for participants ages 18 and up. Registration begins on Monday, Nov. 18.

Coding Club and Maker Lab

Stop by the Leach Library's meeting room on Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 3 - 5 p.m. to explore, craft, and create. During this two-hour block, participants will be able to work independently or in small groups on projects and collaborations. This program is intended for participants age 8-18. Registration is required and

begins one week before each session.

Duplo Budding Builders

On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks at the Leach Library. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

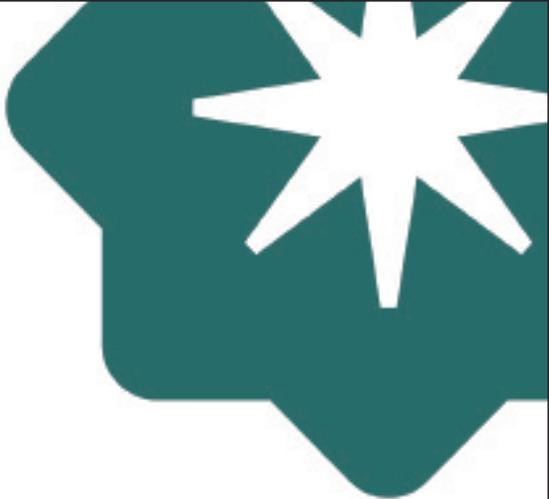
Cookbook Potluck

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 batch of 24 cookies. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. 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.



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EXETER, *Hampton Inn & Suites*
59 Portsmouth Avenue

» Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 10 am

KEENE, *Best Western*
401 Winchester Street

» Friday, November 15, 2024, 10 am
» Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 10 am

LEBANON, *Hilton Garden Inn*
35 Labombard Road

» Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 10 am

MANCHESTER, *Manchester City Library*
405 Pine Street

» Friday, November 22, 2024, 10 am

NASHUA, *Clarion Inn*
10 St Laurent Street

» Monday, November 18, 2024, 10 am

NORTH CONWAY, *Mount Washington Observatory*
2779 White Mountain Highway

» Monday, December 2, 2024, 10 am

PORTSMOUTH, *Public Library*
175 Parrott Avenue

» Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 10 am

TILTON, *Hampton Inn & Suites*
195 Laconia Road

» Monday, November 25, 2024, 10 am

Call to RSVP 8am–8pm. 1-855-485-3412 (TTY: 711)
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