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Nature Trail Cutting Londonderry North School fifth grade teachers Carol Currier and Beth Haarlander, along with Principal Paul Dutton cut the ribbon that officially opened the recently improved Nutfield Nature Trail. See more, page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Town Manager Resigns Following Fire Chief Fallout

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Less than a month after Fire Chief, Bob Butler, announced he would be resigning his position publicly during a Town Council meeting, Town Manager Mike Malaguti, has now given his notice and he plans to leave his post in six months or less.

This comes while the Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, is still on leave and with Londonderry still looking to fill the Town Planner position.

Londonderry is now looking to fill three key positions in town.

In his letter, Malaguti said, "Pursuant to Sec-

tion 4 of my employment agreement, I notify you that April 24, 2025, will be my last day as Town Manager, unless an earlier date is agreed upon or otherwise established," Malaguti wrote in his letter. "While I believe I have enough support on the Town Council to continue my service, I have decided that clinging to a job I love would come at too great a personal cost."

"This is the right moment for me to move on," he added.

The fire chief's resignation decision ultimately came down to his requirement to balance the budget, conflicting with what he thought

was right, which was to have 13 firefighters per shift, after a warrant article passed in March with 70% of the vote, called for the staffing levels.

"As fire chief I have two obligations. The first obligation is to balance the budget the taxpayers provide me. The second obligation is to protect the people that provide that service to the community that expect that service," Butler said at the Oct. 7 meeting.

Butler explained that "because the way my budget is trending right now given circumstances that are outside

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Heritage Commission OKs Removal of Historic Barn

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The Londonderry Heritage Commission held a public hearing on Friday night, Oct. 25, regarding an application for Certificate of Approval for the removal of the historic barn located at 2 Litchfield Road.

The property was put in the historic district a number of years ago and the current owner, Richard Flier, is requesting to demolish the barn, citing safety concerns, despite previously stating he has restored millions of

square feet of historic properties in the past.

Laura Gandia, an attorney representing the owner and applicant CC Properties LLC, went before the Commission in July and was denied the removal without prejudice because the Heritage Commission wanted a structural engineer report, which they received.

"The property is unique in nature as it is the only privately owned property in the historic district and it is encumbered with two zoning districts, that a CIII and the historic

overlay district and a 2006 historic preservation easement deed," Gandia said during the meeting.

Gandia explained that one of the parts of the criteria for removal is public safety concerns.

"You do have your

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Steering Committee Review Housing and Senior Services

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The first October meeting of Londonderry's Master Plan Steering Committee raised questions about how to approach future issues in town, with a focus on housing and those services geared

towards the town's older residents.

"Does Londonderry offer a suitable, affordable selection of housing for older adults wanting to downsize into age-friendly housing or housing suitable of all ages, all abilities?" asked Sylvia Von Aulock, Exec-

utive Director of the Southern NH Planning Commission while reading the results of the Master Plan housing survey. "About 47% of the people responding said 'no, not enough affordable for older adults who want to downsize.'" **continued on page 2**

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Town Council Table Proposal on Definition of Abutter

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The Londonderry Town Council had a public hearing during its most recent meeting, related to a proposal to add the definition of an abutter to its regulations.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguit, said like the short term rental ordinance, it's something they got as feedback.

"In this case not the Planning Board but feedback that we received from the community and the feeling was... Town land use boards are making decisions that people aren't necessarily having the full opportunity to participate in," Malaguit said.

Malaguit explained that it may be that they are not aware "that

these hearings are taking place because of how the mailings and notices are currently being sent."

He explained that currently they follow the RSA which means someone who has a continuous property in terms of their property line or is across the street or stream from the property.

As part of the proposal it would require a notice for any property within 400 feet that doesn't already meet the state statute of an abutter.

Malaguit explained that a lot of their feedback is that the Boards are making decisions that aren't aligned with what people in town want, and would allow them to get more feed-

back from people in town.

However, he said that the Planning Board discussed that it may over complicate things, and that there is also a cost factor that they have to consider, which they would pass along to developers. In addition to developers, however, Malaguit noted that it would also impact residents who may want to get a simple lot line adjustment for example.

"That's something we need to balance," Malaguit said.

Town Council Vice Chair, Ted Combes, said he thought it would be good to expand who they are sending notices to.

"I think it's good to expand out our reach

about what is an abutter," he said.

He also asked if they should send them out earlier saying sometimes people say they don't get them in time.

"It's certainly something we can look at," Malaguit said, but noted that he wants to make sure there aren't any legal concerns with

requiring earlier notices being sent out.

Planning Board Alternate member, Tony De-Francesco, argued the expansion would be too much saying "400 feet is too long, it's too big."

Councilor, Shawn Faber, explained that he thought a lot of good points were raised regarding the proposal.

"I think they make some significantly good points," he said.

Town Councilor, Ron Dunn, argued that he thinks they need to get more information if they are going to do anything with the proposal.

It was ultimately decided to table the proposal for now.

Steering

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Several Committee members noted that 55-plus housing was often expensive. Chair, Jeff Penta, noted that a past ordinance, designed to favor the development of smaller "downsizing" condos, previously failed to reduce the cost of general housing in Londonderry.

In-home, self-care services for residents were also a question on the survey, with respondents highlighting a need for self-care needs like medication assistance, assistance in getting to places, and making it easier to connect with family and friends as particularly important. The results indicated that many elderly residents with preexisting housing wanted more options available to age in place. These concerns were nothing new.

"We've done a lot of age-friendly surveys over the years," said Von

Aulock. "Back in 2016-17, we surveyed all 14 communities in the region, and transportation was the number one concern for people as they age."

However, even for elderly residents, there was a great deal of variety on what level of assistance they wanted or needed from the town.

"I sat with a woman filling this survey out, and she probably put half of them 'n/a,'" said Committee member, Marge Badois. "She's active, lives in a senior housing condo, but she drives, so she didn't think much of it applied."

The hair warned against trying to draw too many conclusions from some of the initial results of the Master Plan survey.

"There's almost 500 people in this survey who are under the age of 45, half of them." "These really don't pertain to me because I'm younger. To me it's not applica-

ble." Every resident filling out a survey answered the same set of questions. Von Aulock planned to break the results down by age group and present them to the Steering Committee by next month.

Committee member, Lynn Wiles, expressed his concern that, even when looking at different age groups, the wording on questions aimed at age-related housing and services was not always clear.

"Are people thinking that the government is going to provide the town? Or the state is providing these services? Because most of these services are already available," he said. "I don't know what people's expectations are."

The Executive Director saw the results as useful in coordinating with the Senior Center and Senior Resources Community to make existing resources more available.

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Town Budget Hearings Set to Begin Saturday, Nov. 2

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The Town Council, during its Oct. 21 meeting, had a discussion regarding its budget meeting schedule for the next couple of months.

“As you heard today there will be increases in various departments that were requested,” Finance Director, Justin Campo, said, noting it will be up to the Town Council on how they want to proceed with the proposed budget, which will eventually be voted on by voters in

March.

The initial presentation is set to take place on Saturday, Nov. 2 beginning at 9 a.m. at Town Hall.

From there, they are scheduled to have budget workshop hearings on Nov. 18, Dec. 2, and Dec. 16 there will be a public hearing. A second public hearing is also scheduled for Jan. 20, with the Deliberative Session for the town set to take place on Saturday, Feb. 8 beginning at 9 a.m.

One question raised was whether or not they would need more budget

meetings this year.

“I think we’re going to need more meetings,” Town Councilor Ted Combes said during the meeting.

It was explained by Campo that they essentially took last year’s budget meeting calendar and mirrored it.

“I essentially mirrored what last year’s was and the year before but if we need more meetings we can add more meetings that’s not a problem,” Campo said.

Combes said “depending on how Novem-

ber 2 goes we may want to expand our meetings in November and December,”

Town Council Chair, Chad Franz, said he wants to have it on the website and town calendar soon.

It was also noted by Campo that citizen petition warrant articles are due by Tuesday, Jan. 14, unless it requires a bond which would then be due by Friday, Jan. 10.

He said that they need to have 25 registered voters to sign it, and said they ask that they send it to them in

advance so they can be reviewed for legality purposes.

The Town Council was also presented with a request to make Derek D’Anna a temporary alternative member to the Heritage Commission.

“Because of the current role of the Heritage Commission’s position in relation to the Planning Board and their role in consulting site plans, providing advice and feedback there comes a need to often call special meetings this time of year,”

Administrative Support Coordinator, Kirsten Hildonen, said.

She explained that it can be very difficult to get a quorum at times, since they only meet once every other month generally.

It was also noted by Hildonen that State law and the Town Charter allows up to five alternative members, and they only have three currently.

The Town Council unanimously approved the appointment until the end of the year.



Beautified

On Saturday, Oct. 19, the Beautify Londonderry Committee organized a town-wide clean-up. Crews of volunteers met up at Matthew Thornton Elementary School in the morning and set up around town to help clean-up the trash along a number of roadways throughout town. Mack’s Farmstand donated apples for all participants. Pictured are employees at WIN Waste Innovations gathered around their Beautify Londonderry sign on Nashua Road. Also pictured is the Bonnell family on Meetinghouse Drive.

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Editorial

Fall, a Season for Common Sense

The color orange comes to mind this time of year, with all the pumpkins, mums, and the turning of leaves, but at this time of year, it is particularly important to think of hunters. Orange or another bright color should become part of your and your pet's outdoor attire.

It's hunting season once again, which means those woods in back of your home or along your favorite path are likely to be filled with more than the sounds of birds, or leaf blowers, you may hear the sounds of gunshots. This means you should be exercising extra caution when you're in or near the woods. Don't take chances.

For hunters, always be sure to identify your target before you fire. Always. Be certain you're not trespassing in your pursuit of your target, and be respectful of the land where you hunt. Know the rules, if the land is posted "no hunting" and you don't have personal permission to hunt there, go somewhere else. Just as important, you should leave the land as you found it or maybe better.

Each year, both private and town-owned land is trashed and vandalized. Whether it's someone's idea of a private shooting range, complete with spent cartridges and beer cans, trees cut down without permission, or ATV damage to trails, the

"rotten apple" spoils it for everyone else. Hunter or non-hunter, you should be cleaning up after yourself.

For the rest of us, make it easy on the hunters and for yourself, wear hunter orange or another bright color when you're in an area where hunting is likely to occur. It is also essential make sure your faithful canine companion is sporting an orange scarf as well.

We know the vast majority of hunters use common sense in the pursuit of their game, but in southern New Hampshire, the woods that are left are getting even closer to homes and neighbors.

Fall is a beautiful time to be in the woods, as long as we take literally the old adage that it's better to be safe than sorry. All of that being said nothing can relax and rejuvenate one more than enjoying nature and the surroundings. Just be smart and careful.

This season is perfect for taking time to go camping, fishing, making hot cocoa, sitting by the fire or a fire pit telling stories, and just taking it all in. Anything where you can spend quality time with family, and friends can make fall special.

This season creates a sense of comfort, warmth, and reflection. There are many reasons to love fall.

Take care, and enjoy the beauty that is fall.

Celiac Disease Masking as Autism

SUBMISSION BY
SHANNON SOUCY

In March of 2023, my husband and I were shocked to hear suggestions from the preschool that our daughter was showing concerning behaviors, which included isolation, communication issues, jargon, repetitive scripting, repetitive play, lack of comprehension and limited eye contact.

A prompt visit to the pediatrician and a whole lot of referrals and provider visits later, our daughter was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The weeks and months leading up to the ASD diagnosis our daughter continued to deteriorate with more communication deficits, hand flapping, toe walking, loss of eye contact, confusion, violent meltdowns and sensory issues. Though I received a fair amount of skepticism from some healthcare providers, I wasn't convinced. I needed more information, what was the trigger? How had our child who met all her developmental milestones and had no concerns now be considered to have regressive autism?

Our amazing pediatrician worked with us and after much research (thanks to organizations like The Autism Community in Action group (TACA), my sister-in-law) and a battery of tests, our daughter was diagnosed with Celiac disease right around the ASD diagnosis. We began seeing a celiac expert who shared remarkable stories of kids with celiac disease who once gluten free for at least a year (or more) had amazing recoveries. For instance, a non-verbal 3-year-old that was verbal at the one year visit. An 18-year-old wheelchair bound patient, who walked into

a follow up visit after one year on a gluten free diet.

Our celiac provider, discussed three potential outcomes on a gluten-free diet (for our celiac positive daughter); no change, partial improvement, or complete reversal of symptoms which would indicate this was all related to neuroinflammation caused by celiac disease. I was convinced the later would be our daughters experience, though I had nothing other than a gut feeling.

Fast forward one and a half years on a gluten free diet and our daughter does not meet ASD criteria but more importantly she does not struggle with comprehension, processing or language. There are no issues with socializing, hand flapping, toe walking, scripting, repetitive anything. Sensory challenges are gone. Ana Sanchez, MD, the provider who diagnosed our daughter, states "that children with ASD improve with therapies, but unusual to outgrow the diagnosis in a year. The fact that she presented with developmental regression and autistic behavior at the same time of Celiac disease raises the question of the role of gut-brain axis, gluten enteropathy, intestinal permeability (disruption of tight junctions), dysbiosis and possible neuro inflammation."

Celiac disease, in my opinion, should be referred to as the great chameleon of illnesses because it can mimic a wide range of conditions and symptoms. Contrary to common belief even from providers-celiac can present with numerous symptoms that are not gastrointestinal but rather are neurologic like my daughter's case. The theory surrounding our

daughter is that an illness activated her celiac gene (turned on) and for over a year we were giving her exactly what her body could not handle, gluten (wheat, barley, rye) which led to a slow subtle regression, enteropathy, a "leaky gut," neuroinflammation and malabsorption syndrome.

Our experience highlights the importance of thorough testing and the need to consider causes of unexplained developmental regression. It underscores the critical role of patient advocacy and collaboration among health care professionals.

While I don't have all the answers, I feel advocacy is vital. I know that my daughter no longer meets criteria for ASD and her transformation is remarkable. The major change was finding out she had celiac disease-removing all gluten from her diet (we additionally try to remove all artificial ingredients-high fructose corn syrup, dyes, etc), my husband makes most of her meals from scratch and she is on personalized precision supplements.

My husband and I are forever grateful for the team we had supporting us particularly Ms. Christine, Jacobs Ladder Learning Center, Londonderry, NH, Christopher Riccio, MD and Candace Camacho, MD from Southern New Hampshire Medicine Pediatrics of Nashua, NH, Drs. Fasano and Leonard from Mass General Hospital's Center for Celiac Research and Treatment, Vera Blazevska Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), Dr. Sanchez from Elliot Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics and the many family and friends that supported us most especially, Janet Soucy.



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Nutfield Nature Trail Improvements Unveiled



The Nutfield Nature Trail, used as a tool for outdoor classes in the back of North Elementary School had a ribbon cutting event on Saturday, Oct. 26, unveiling the new Storywalk Posts and QR codes featuring Beth Haarlander explaining the landmarks of the trail. Volunteers recently assembled the signs and QR plaques, cleared the trail and reconstructed damaged stairs and bridges. After a brief ceremony families hiked the updated trail. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Resigns

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of my control I'm flying through those monies appropriated by the taxpayers so I've come to an inflection point. I have a decision to make. The decision is to cut services from 13, 12, down to 11 although the community told me they want 13, or not execute what I have to do as a fire chief because of my budget obligations."

At the Oct. 21 Town Council meeting, many community members spoke in support of Butler and the Fire Department overall.

Despite a number of speakers expressing dissatisfaction with Butler resigning, no action was taken by the Town Council.

Former Town Councilor and the father of Bo, Jim Butler, said, "Chief Butler didn't always follow the rules when it came to 'what do you want me to say,

what do you want me to hear' to the Town Manager, he's the one who's supposedly operating in the town he wants to bring development in and you know something our fire chief spoke the truth about the hospital that wanted to go up at the airport, and you know something he didn't like it, and there's the politics."

"There's a management problem in this Town and it needs to be fixed, and it stinks from the head down," Butler said.

Police Chief, Kim Bernard, explained that the budgetary responsibility is the sole responsibility of the department head "plain and simple" at the Oct. 21 meeting

"I blow my budget tomorrow, I'm gone, that's the facts, it's the way it goes, it's the law," Bernard said.

He added, "I had to cancel training, I had to stop a shipment of guns that we were trying to

replace, I stopped hiring processes for four cops that we had in background at the time."

Resident, Tara Myles, said she has been a supporter of the Town Council and the Administration, while others have not during the Oct. 21 meeting

"But my support is not unconditional, it is not without accountability. I support you today, because I believe you seek to do the right thing, and like me you don't always get it right," Myles said. "But also like me I hope when you don't get it right you endeavor to make it right."

In a Facebook post following the Oct. 7 meeting, Christopher A. Schofield, the President of Local 3160, which represents the Fire Department's rank in file, wrote "This past March, the citizens of Londonderry overwhelmingly supported Warrant Article 15, which called for the addition of four firefighters, ensuring that each shift would be staffed with 13 personnel. This decision, made by the community, prioritized public safety and provided our firefighters with the necessary resources to protect the town effectively."

"However, town leadership has chosen not to follow the wishes of the community. Instead, they have unfairly

placed blame on Chief Bo Butler for circumstances outside of his control," Schofield wrote. "The Town Manager has now mandated that Chief Butler reduce staff from 13 to 11 members per shift, despite the clear directive from the voters. They have also threatened him with disciplinary action if he does not comply."

Malaguti thanked his staff saying "It has been a privilege to work with some of most dedicated and talented employees around."

"Some of these employees with whom I have worked most closely, including my senior leadership team and department heads, have sustained me through difficult times. Every success of the last three years would have been impossible without the commitment of every one of our incredible employees," Malaguti said.

Malaguti was first hired with the Town in 2018, first as a prosecutor, then as assistant town solicitor. When Kevin Smith resigned to make a run for United States Senate, he was tapped as the Acting Town Manager, before officially being hired as Town Manager.

"I set forth no list of accomplishments, leaving it to others to appraise the value of our achievements. I simply

reflect on how much work we've done, and how far we've come," Malaguti said. "I close by returning to a refrain I have sometimes used

over the past three years, and which I continue to believe: The future of Londonderry is bright, and its best days lie ahead."

OBITUARY

Lawrence Frank Yust Jr.



Lawrence Frank Yust Jr., 68, passed away on Oct. 21, 2024. His passing leaves behind a legacy of dedication, intelligence, and unforgettable memories and adventures that will be cherished by his family.

Lawrence is survived by his loving wife, Pamela Yust; his three children, Ryan, Aaron, and Danielle and their spouses: Nicole, Kelly and Chris; and his seven beloved grandchildren: Zoe, Johnathan, Luke, Clare, Louella, Robbie, and Christopher. He is also survived by his father Lawrence F. Yust Sr. and stepmother Barbara Yust, as well as his siblings Mark, Kate, Mary, and Diane. He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Yust.

A proud Purdue University graduate, Lawrence built an impressive career as an aeronautical engineer, where his exceptional work ethic and innovative mindset set him apart. His colleagues knew him as someone who approached each project with unwavering dedication and when a project was a challenge "Yust got it done". He took pride in every detail of his work. His passion for engineering wasn't just a career choice – it was a calling that he pursued with remarkable devotion throughout his life.

Beyond his professional achievements, Lawrence was known for his ability to supervise any and all tasks when around family or friends. Along with his quirky sense of humor, he had a gift for storytelling, often entertaining family and friends with his engaging tales of his childhood memories and travels around the world. He found joy in life's simple pleasures, whether running along his favorite jogging routes, vacationing, perfecting his pool game, or most importantly, spending precious time with his family.

In June 2024, he was diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and had a personal moonshot of being the first person to beat this disease. He fought a courageous battle and was even selected to participate in the second round of clinical trials to find a cure for this disease.

A family celebration of life will be held in Arizona. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the CJD Foundation Family Fundraiser in loving memory of Lawrence F. Yust Jr., to support research and families affected by Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

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North School Holds Annual Trunk or Treat Event



Families and staff at North Elementary School invited students to the annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 26. Families decked out the back of their vehicles and handed out candy to those attending. There were also a number of activities set up on what turned out to be a warm fall day.

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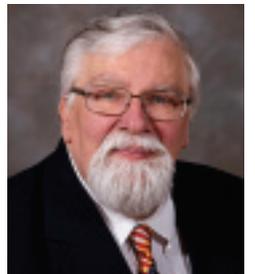
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Town Council Hear Possible Facility Rental Policy

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council had a discussion regarding a potential rental policy for town owned facilities during its most recent meeting.

Administrative Support Coordinator, Kirsten Hildonen, explained that like when they went in front of the Town Council before they finalized a proposed right to know policy, she said she wanted to go in front of them earlier in the process in case they had any feedback.

Assistant Recreation Director, Doug Cole, said the idea came from a resident in town.

"This was brought to the town's attention probably a little over a year ago, driven by resident requests as a

potential need for the community," he told the Town Council.

He also explained that the town is "probably overdue for an update on current rental agreements, specifically those of the Town Common."

Cole explained that there is a lot of information that could likely be condensed, and said their idea is to be in line with what other communities are doing.

He explained that the forms for the Town Common "is very large in terms of how many pages it is, it's dense for somebody that is trying to apply just for usage of space for a birthday party or concert or anything along those lines," saying the new policy will help streamline the current applications.

It was also noted that they would have a fee schedule to help offset things like maintenance costs and utilities for the different rooms or facilities, however, Hildonen noted they would be able to waive fees as part of the policy if deemed appropriate.

The idea is to not begin the policy until the beginning of 2025, if they move forward with it to make sure the system is in place.

Londonderry resident, Kristen Perez, during public comment, asked what they were hoping to gain by having the policy.

"I just don't understand what you're hoping to gain by doing this," she said.

She said if they had a charge for non residents she could understand

that and also questioned if groups who are currently using the facilities would be grandfathered in.

"I understand if you want to have non-residents pay for the use of the building," Perez said.

Hildonen noted that people have asked for the policy to be put in place so they can be able to use the spaces for different meetings.

She also noted that the idea of the fees isn't to be a major revenue generator, and instead would be a way to encourage people to not do a no show, by booking the space and then not showing up.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn said if a small number of people want to meet who are residents, then they should-

n't have to pay.

There were no board decision made on the plan idea at a future meeting.

OBITUARY

Caroline L. Woods



Caroline L. Woods, 88, of Londonderry, NH passed away Saturday Oct. 19, 2024, at Parkland Medical Center of Derry after a period of declining health. Caroline was born May 30, 1936, in Parker, Arizona and was a daughter of the late Patricia (Watson) Davis and Charles L. Hoover. Caroline spent time her childhood on the West Coast before moving to Manchester, NH. She and her family lived in Londonderry, and also enjoyed spending time at their Beaver Lake home in Derry, NH. Caroline enjoyed remodeling both the Londonderry and Derry the homes.

Members of the family include two sons Marc Woods and Scott Woods and his wife Nancy. Caroline was very proud of her two grandchildren, Matthew and Christopher Woods. Caroline was very close to her sister, Patricia Neary and brother Brian Davis and his wife Eva. Caroline was predeceased by her beloved husband of 55 years, Robert C. Woods in 2009 and her son David R. Woods in 1994.

After cremation, a graveside service was held, Friday Oct. 25, 2024, at 11 a.m., in Forest Hill cemetery on East Derry Rd. In Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to: The National Arbor Day Foundation, 211 North 12th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, www.arborday.org or at www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/trees/18761521.



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Barn

Continued from page 1 public building inspector who has determined that there are public safety needs that require the removal of the building," she said.

The second criteria is structural instability based on a report by a registered architect or engineer.

Gandia added that the conclusion they came to is that "the barn is in extreme distress and is structurally unstable, that is what the zoning calls for that is what the report provides."

Gandia said she also asked if there is anything they could do, to make it sustainable, despite it not being in the Heritage Commission's purview, in terms of what they could

determine.

"Because of these issues any attempt at remedial work would be unsafe for those involved due to existing deterioration and structural instability and is not recommended," Gandia said the report stated.

Deb Paul, the previous owner of the property, said when she owned the building, she was told if they were to replace the barn or house, they would need to replace it with the same historical look, and asked if that would be the case if they granted approval.

David Ellis, a historian who lives in the town, argued that the property was taken care of previously and has been neglected by the current owner.

"I draw your atten-

tion to two pictures. The first was a photo of the barn as it was in 2006 when the previous owner acquired the property," Ellis said during his prepared remarks at the meeting. "The second was the barn as it was in October 2017, two months after the present owner purchased it (note Google's date stamp upper left). The substantial amount of care and repair by the previous owner is unambiguously apparent. The present deplorable condition is entirely the result of the applicant's negligence. He now seeks to be rewarded for that negligence by being allowed to demolish this almost two-hundred-year-old English barn in order to increase the value of his investment."

Heritage Commission



The Londonderry Heritage Commission approved the certificate of approval for the removal of the barn at 2 Litchfield Road.

member, Jim Butler, said there has always been an issue with the property, during his tenure in town, and said "globally" he is concerned if the property stays zoned as CIII and they take the

barn down, something could be added there that would create more traffic at the intersection.

"I don't think that intersection globally can handle that type of CIII

there," Butler said.

The Heritage Commission and advisory board ultimately approved the certificate of approval for the removal of the barn.

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Company members have each been cast in NEDE's two upcoming professional performances of 'The Nutcracker', scheduled for Saturday, November 30 and Sunday December 1 at 4:00PM at the Seifert Performing Arts Center, Salem, NH. Rehearsals are currently underway at NEDE's home studio,

Londonderry Dance Academy.

In this full-scale professional holiday production, aspiring dancers will be joined by guest artists from American Ballet Theater. Sunmi Park, 23-year-old Soloist with American Ballet Theater, will dance the role of Sugar Plum. Joseph Markey, 23-year-old Corps De Ballet member with American Ballet Theater, will dance the role of Cavalier. Accompaniment will be provided by The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Mark Latham.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers' Final Home Game Ends with Win Over Jaguars

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The final regular season home game for the Londonderry High School Football squad saw the Lancers having to wait an entire quarter before getting their hands on the ball, but ended with their sixth win of the season with a 21-6 victory over the Windham Jaguars.

Comparatively speaking, the Lancers trailed in a number of categories, but lead in the most important, scoring.

WHS lead in time of possession, total plays and rushing yards, but trailed Londonderry in first downs, passing yards, scoring and total offense (175-159).

Windham started the game by methodically running the clock down to the final seconds of each snap and running 17-plays and amassing 52-yards over 12:05 minutes. That drive carried into the second quarter, where LHS was able finally stop them on the 25-yard line.

In the Lancers long-awaited first drive of the game, the team strung together 12-plays and 75-yards for the first touchdown of the game.

Senior quarterback,

Sam Ogden, threw to senior tight-end Nathan Marshall who caught the ball at the three-yard-line for a 12-yard score.

Senior kicker, Blake Thompson, finished the drive with a successful point after and a 7-0 Lancer lead.

Windham's following two drives ended with turnovers. The first was an interception made by senior corner, Ethan Wheeler.

The second was a punt block by senior Alex Villa, recovered by senior Carson Palmer at the 22-yard line.

Londonderry's final drive of the first half ended with a 27-yard field goal attempt by Thompson that was blocked by the Jaguars. The Lancers first drive of the Second half was a successful one. Starting at the 38-yard line, it only took five plays to travel 62-yards down the field to play dirt.

The drive ended with another successful pass from Ogden, this time throwing to senior Mason Paquette for a 17-yard touchdown reception.

Thompson's extra-point attempt was good for a 14-0 Lancer lead.



Sam Ogden

Windham finally got on the board in the following possession. It took the six plays in three and a half minutes to score a running touchdown. The Jag's point-after attempt was blocked by junior Lucas Palma.

The final touchdown of the game came in the fourth quarter, with 5:46 left in the game, Ogden ran the ball in from the one-yard line, on second-and-goal for his team's third score of the night. Thompson's extra-point made it a 21-6 final score.

The win put the Lancers at 6-1, topping the Central Division with just one game left in the regular season.

Ogden led his team in rushing yards with 85.

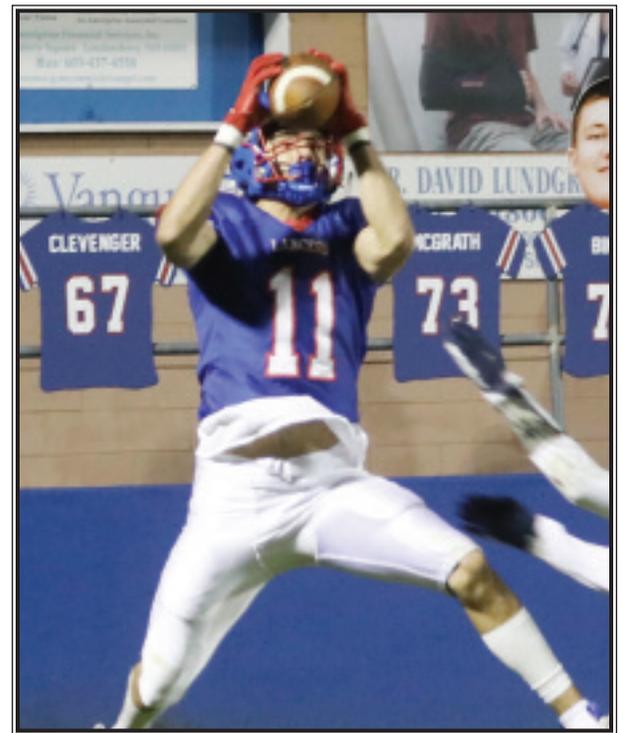
He also had 55-yards in the air.

Paquette had two receptions for 20-yards, Adrian Cruz had four, for 18 and Marshall caught one for 12-yards.

Carson Palma tallied eight tackles on defense, while Villa had four and Colby Walden finished with three.

Londonderry will have a tough game to end the regular season, traveling to Exeter High School on Friday night, Nov. 1, to take on the 7-0 Blue Hawks.

Exeter leads the East Division with their undefeated season, limiting five of their opponents to just one touch down or less.



Senior Mason Paquette catches a 17-yard pass for a touchdown. Photo by Chris Paul

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LHS Boys' Soccer Playoff Bound Winning Six Straight

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team finished out the final week of the regular season on Friday, Oct 25, with a 4-2 win over the Crimson Tide, and an 11-2-3 record to put them in the Division I Championship as the #3 seed.

The victory was the Lancers sixth straight, winning all, but one in the month of October. The team has not actually lost a game since Sept. 10, a 2-1 defeat to Exeter. They've settled for two ties in that period.

The Lancers started the week at home with a 4-2 victory over Nashua South, who finished the season at 7-5-4.

Londonderry fell behind the Purple Panthers in the first half 2-1, despite the fact that LHS

took an early lead.

Junior mid-fielder, Leo Sochanek, scored the first goal of the game at 11:18, with the assist coming from fellow-junior, Khoi Totten.

Fifteen minutes into the game, South came storming back with two quick goals at 15:18 and 15:56 to take a 2-1 lead into half-time.

After the half, it was all Londonderry, scoring three unanswered goals in quick succession.

First at 40:20, when senior Brett McKinnon tied the game at 2-2 with an assist from Totten.

At 40:30, senior Zach Mantegari put LHS on top 3-2 when he scored on a pass from senior Tiago Keyes.

The insurance goal came at 40:48, when McKinnon got his second of the game with the assist going to Mantegari.

Lancers goalkeeper senior, Noah Celio, had three saves and the South tender blocked five.

The game also served as the team's Senior Night game, with the Lancers paying tribute to the nine members headed to graduation.

Head coach, Todd Ellis, commented after the game, "Senior Night always brings out a lot of emotion and large crowds. I like the playoff atmosphere it creates to test us."

After crediting South for their strong play, Ellis added, "The first half we played well, but needed to be better. Noah made a great save, and then we let them get two quick ones. We came out that second half flying. I've never seen anything like that before."

Londonderry fin-

ished the season with their 4-2 win in the state capital.

The Crimson Tide was able get the early lead, but the Lancers were able to streak back with four consecutive goals before the half.

At 11:17, Keyes scored the tying goal with an assist from Totten.

Mantegari and McKinnon then combined for two at 22:30 and 38:00, making it a 3-1 Lancer lead.

One-minute later senior Gavin Stone got his first varsity goal, assisted by McKinnon to go into the second half at 4-1.

Concord had the only goal of the final period and suffered a two-goal loss.

Celio had four saves and Concord finished with seven save.

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Tiago Keyes

their first round playoff the season with five vic- game against Nashua tories and lost to Lon- donderry 3-1 back on day, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. Sept. 17.

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Lancers Girls' Soccer Get Win & Tie, Head to Playoffs

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Soccer team finished out the regular season with a strong 5-1 win over the Concord Crimson Tide and secured a spot in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association Division I playoffs.

Londonderry was scheduled to play their first round game on Tuesday, Oct. 29, after the Londonderry Times press deadline.

The LHS girls were playing in Goffstown against the fifth-seeded

Lady Grizzlies.

Leading to the playoff, Londonderry began its week with a game at Nashua South High School where they played to a 1-1 tie against the Purple Panthers.

Senior mid-fielder, Reagan Anderson, had the Lancers only goal, assisted by senior Audrey Hughes.

Senior goaltender, Reagan Delude, had an outstanding 14 saves against the south offense.

In the Lancers final home game of the year, on Friday afternoon, Oct. 25, the team was

able to celebrate 5-1 victory over the Concord Crimson Tide.

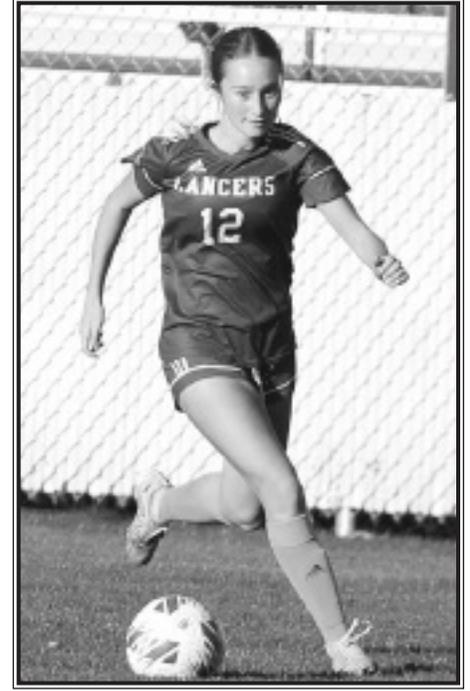
Senior Kate Sloper had two goals during the win and Anderson, Hughes and freshman Jackie Heimsath each added to the scoring with one a piece.

Assists come from five different players. Anderson, senior Ali Von Pichl, senior Jaelynne Kelly, senior Adi Doyle, and sophomore Ashlyn Proulx each had an assist in the game.

Delude made another 14 saves in the Londonderry net to secure the victory.



Jackie Heimsath



Audrey Hughes

Girls' Volleyball Finish at 9-9

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Volleyball team finished the season at 9-9 and will enter the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's State Championship as the number 11 seed.

The Lancers finished

the month of October with a 5-3 record with 3-0 shutout victories over the Keene Blackbirds, Alvirne Broncos and the Portsmouth Clippers.

The team's other wins came against Dover (3-1) and Spaulding (3-2) high schools.

Londonderry will enter the first round of the playoffs on Thurs-

day, Oct. 31 against the number three seed of the tournament, Salem Blue Devils.

The game is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. at Salem High School.

In the regular season, Salem beat the Lancers 3-1 in Londonderry back in mid-September.



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Lancers Field Hockey Season Ended by Bedford Bulldogs

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Field Hockey squad were handed a tough loss in the first round of the New Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I Championship.

The Lancers finished the regular season with a 6-10 record and entered the playoffs as the number 11 seed.

The first round game sent the Lancers to Bedford High School on Wednesday night, Oct. 23, where they faced the No. 6 seeded Bulldogs.

Despite having a very close outcome with the regular season game against Bedford one week earlier, 2-1, Londonderry was hard pressed to penetrate

the tough Bulldog defense and lost 6-0.

Londonderry was able to defend their goal for much of the first quarter, but fell behind by one goal with just under two-minutes left in the period.

The second Lady Bulldog goal came at 7:19 in the second quarter, when the Bedford shot from the right side was deflected by a defenders stick and was redirected past Lancer senior tender, Sara Daniels.

The third and fourth goals for the home team came in the early moments of the third period. The first was put in at 12:32 and the second was at 11:30.

The BHS squad's defense remained very difficult to penetrate,

not allowing many Londonderry opportunities and left them without a single shot on the heavily guarded Bedford goal until late in the fourth quarter.

After celebrating their win over Londonderry, Bedford went to face the number three seed, Exeter Blue Hawks, where they fell 1-0 in the Quarterfinals.

All four of the top seeds made it to the semi-final round being played in Exeter on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

The Lancers will be losing five players to graduation this year.

The team's seniors are: Abby Austen, Sara Daniels, Ava Naar, Jayden Sherwood, and Keira Strike.



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Lancers Cross Country Teams Make Top 10 at States

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Cross Country teams competed in the NHIAA Division I 5K Race at Derryfield Park on Saturday, Oct. 26, with the girls team placing ninth and the boys' getting the eighth spot.

Pinkerton Academy was able to edge out Exeter High School by just one point for the first-place spot and the Bedford Bulldogs took third.

The Astros had a team score of 92 to win the state championship over the Blue Hawks with a score of 93. Bedford took third with a score of 169.

The Londonderry girls' team was edged out of qualifying for the

Meet of Champions by just one point. The Lancers scored a 192 and the Windham Jaguars finished at 191.

Makita Berry of Bedford had the winning time of 19:18.79 for the win with Lara White of Nashua North taking second at 12:40.85.

Londonderry had several runners in the top 50: Freshman Anna Laufersweiler was first for LHS and 28th overall with a time of 22:04.64; senior Sade White was 36th at 22:34.45, just in front of freshman Stella Dutton, at 37th (22:38.91); Junior Drewanne Sherman was 41st at 22:50.05; and junior Ella DiBuono was 50th at 23:13.93.

With the eighth place finish for the Lancer boys, the team qualified

for the Meet of Champions being run at Alvirne High School's Hills House course this weekend.

Bishop Guertin took first with a team score of 65, with Pinkerton Academy taking second with 73. Nashua South tallied 84 for third place.

BOYS

The Londonderry team had a score of 215 and a team time of 1:32:26.

The winning time of 16:05.08 was run by Sullivan Sturtz of Keene. Matt Giardina of BG was second at 16:34.67 and his team mate Ethan Fischer took third at 16:39.50.

Junior Carson Fitzgerald was the top Lancer finisher, coming



Lancer freshman, Anna Laufersweiler, was the first LHS runner with a time of 22:04.64.



Junior Carson Fitzgerald was the top Lancer finisher, coming in at 15th with a time of 17:18.68.

Photos by Chris Paul

in at 15th with a time of 17:18.68. Junior Jack DiBuono was 32nd (18:16.47); Junior Josh Twoomey was 50th (18:47.54); freshman Vaccarro was 64th (19:11.37); and sophomore Patrick Ramsey was 54th more Mason Hernandez was 72nd (19:27.33).

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Wildcats 2/3/4 Football Finish Undefeated Season

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The Londonderry tackle football teams took to the fields this past weekend for their last games of the season. Londonderry's 2/3/4 Junior Varsity Wildcats Division capped off an outstanding season finishing off their season with an undefeated record of 7-0. Playing against some very competitive teams in the league, with two shut outs against Winnacunnet and Nashua and the previously undefeated team of Keene whom they shut out on October 10th with a score of 26-0, this young JV squad showcased their ability to compete against top-tier competition.

Development is a testament not only to the excellent coaching and player development, but also to the support and commitment of the players' families.

The 2/3/4 J.V. tackle football division is the entry-level tackle football within the Wildcats organization in Londonderry, starting with the second grade and including both third and fourth grade. For many players on the field, this was their first time playing tackle football with some having experience either playing flag football or other town sports. This team of 33 players not only had to learn the rules of the sport, but also what it takes to be a cohesive team in order to have such a successful season.



son. Win or lose they gained more than just their undefeated title this season.

The Wildcats season kicked off in August beginning with pre-season training and a consistent four days of football training over two and a half months. This team started off learning the basic fundamentals of tackle football along with teamwork skills and overall good sports-

manship.

This team was led by Coach Arty Hazzard along with five other coaching staff: Den Gelin, Nick Schwidder, Barry Thivierge, AJ Salois, and TJ Gramstorff supported by Team Mom Nina Romano, all taking part in developing and building these boys

into young athletes that carried out the skills learned that brought them to an unforgettable season.

It was amazing to watch these Wildcats develop through the season. They fought with not only skill, but heart, and finished the season embodying teamwork,

resiliency, hard work, and an enjoyment for the love of the game.

While this particular division does not compete in championships, the future looks bright for these talented young athletes. Congratulations to the Londonderry Wildcats on an impressive season!

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Ovation Theatre to Present Cinderella Nov. 8 and 9

Ovation Theatre Company is bringing the classic princess tale to the Derry Opera House stage, with Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella (Broadway Version) on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7 and Saturday, Nov. 9.

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. The Broadway adaptation transports a new generation to the miraculous kingdom of glass slippers, Fairy Godmothers, and dreams-come-true. With great warmth and more than a touch of hilarity, this enthralling fairy tale still warms the hearts of children and adults alike.

Tomiko Nicholson is thrilled to portray Cinderella. "I've watched a lot of adaptations. This is not like the Disney one, where everything just sort of happens to her." In this version, "she takes the initiative. When the opportunity is given to her, she's like, 'Oh yeah, I'm going!' It's a story about this girl knowing that she's destined for more and finding a way to achieve it - and knowing that she shouldn't be treated the way she is being treated." Nicholson also notes the humor in this version. "We've been trying to bring out the 'camp' and I feel like it's working! She's been a lot more fun to play than I

originally anticipated."

Nick Ford plays Cinderella's prince, Topher. "He's an idealist - truly a good person." Ford says the show is about "becoming better people." His favorite scene is actually one that doesn't include him. "I really enjoy watching the dancing for 'The Prince is Giving a Ball.' The dancing is fantastic!"

This adaptation of the classic tale includes a very different portrayal of one of the step-sisters, including a romantic relationship of her own. Jenna Sullivan plays that sister, Gabrielle. "She starts off following the crowd and falling into the trap of the step-mother and the step-sister, but then between her relationship that builds with Cinderella and also also Jean-Michel, she ends up being a very likeable character. Jean-Michel is not royalty or rich or anything that Madame would want for one of her daughters. So at first it's forbidden, but then over time, as Gabrielle builds courage, she ends up falling in love and getting the courage to stand up for herself."

Gabrielle's love interest Jean-Michel brings the comedy, through the hilarious performance of Noah Ramirez. "He is a revolutionary. He's living in a time and place where there are a lot of straightforward thinking. The royals are 'up there' and everyone else is 'down



there.' He speaks out for what he thinks is right, but he harbors feelings for Gabrielle, who is of a higher status than he is." Ramirez loves portraying the humor of Jean-Michel, especially the physical comedy. "I'm using my entire body to portray what I'm feeling - playing the humor to the entire house."

This cast includes several parents acting alongside their children. Stephanie Murray and daughter Evelyn of Londonderry are having a great time portraying peasants. Stephanie has helped with costumes for Evelyn's shows in the past, but this is their first time acting together. "It's different - getting to actually be on stage together and have a little bit of interaction." Mother and daughter agree that their favorite part of the show is "all of our scenes with Jean-Michel. Noah is a fantastic actor. He puts everything into it - his expressions, his body movement and he's just got a

lot of great humor."

Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella features a talented cast of actors drawn from all over New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. This production is led by creative team Director Meg Gore, Music Director Lauren Craven, Choreographer Bethany Cassidy, Vocal Coach Kevin Fisher and Stage Manager Shannon Krumlauf. The cast includes Hanna Carroll, Kendall Cornwell, Charlotte Latour, Vikki Latour, Ava Leahy, Evelyn Murray, Stephanie Murray, Joseph Smith, Marcella Smith and Elisa

Thomas of Londonderry; Christina Donlon, Jenna Sullivan, Arielle Welch and Mirabel Welch of Derry; Avery Barcelos and Ella Burroughs of Hampstead; Ryan Kaplan of Windham; Aliyah Howard of Salem; Becca Thissell and Victoria Thissell of Bow; Nick Ford and Noah Ramirez of Concord; Nick Metz and Karen Metz of Exeter; Thomas Cram of Manchester; Lucy Loveland of Hollis; Xanna Bader of Mont Vernon; Annika Vittands of Newmarket; Jackson Clifford of Hampton; Via Richardson-Brown of Dracut,

Mass.; Tomiko Nicholson and Kat Plano of Lowell, Mass.; Elizabeth Robinson of Westford, Mass.; Brittany Cardoza of Amesbury, Mass. and Ethan White of Groton, Mass.

Cinderella will be presented on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 and 7 p.m., at the Derry Opera House (29 West Broadway, Derry).

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and seniors through Nov. 1; ticket prices go up on Nov. 2 and are on sale at ovationtc.com.



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Toxic Plants for Pets

Join The Green Team of Londonderry for an important and informative presentation on the dangers that certain common plants can pose to our beloved pets. On Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. At the YMCA, located at 206 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry. Dr. Smiley DVM will walk through the various plants to look out for, their effects on pets, and what you can do to keep your

furry friends safe. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a true expert and protect your pets from harmful substances. The event is free, sign up today to reserve your spot! www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BACA92EA0F8CE9-52483424-toxic

Trunk or Treat

A Free Event at First Baptist Church of Hudson on Thursday, Oct. 31, during Trick or Treat 6 - 8 p.m. Dress up in your favorite

costume, then "trick or treat" from trunk to trunk (all decorated in fun themes—nothing scary to frighten little ones) in the church parking lot located at the corner of Central Street and Greeley Street. Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Apple Cider, Hot Cocoa And Coffee. All ages welcome.

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 weigh-ins 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)

Tinker Time

Join Leach Library staff on Saturday, Nov. 9 and 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) 432-1127.

Greek Mythology

Join the Leach Library for an afternoon of history on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2:30 p.m. as UNH Professor R. Scott Smith discusses Greek mythology and the powerful influence it had on the Greeks and Romans. This program will investigate the major ways that the Greeks tried to explain and interpret their own mythical past over the course of a thousand years. This program is made possible by New Hampshire Humanities. Registration begins on Saturday, Nov. 2. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

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.

Holiday Fair/Cookie Walk

On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., many local craftsmen and artisans invite you to participate in a Holiday Fair and Cookie Walk at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. Items include jewelry, home-made woodcrafts, designer lotions and soaps, photography, artwork, crocheted and knitted items, and plenty more. Over 20 baskets filled with items and gift cards will be raffled. Winners will be drawn at the end of the fair. This year Santa Claus will be around from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. giving out small gifts to all the children and accepting their wish lists. Fair proceeds go toward purchasing materials and

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Oct. 21

9:28 a.m. Motor vehicle stop at Chase Bank on Gilcreast Road leads to an arrest. Fungai Chikosi, 28, of Manchester, charged with: Failure to Display Plates; Uninspected Vehicle; Driving Without Giving Proof; Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

12:17 p.m. Medical Emergency at Rail Trail on Clark Road transported to a hospital.

12:46 p.m. Shop-lifting reported at TJ Maxx on Michels Way.

1:21 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes reported on High Range Road.

3:38 p.m. Motor vehicle accident at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive leads to an arrest. Ashley Ramirez, 35, of Windham, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and having an Open Container.

9:46 p.m. Three officers investigate a Disturbance on Stage Coach Circle.

10:36 p.m. Motor vehicle stop at Home Depot

on Nashua Road leads to an arrest. Matthew Shean, 33, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Speeding 11-15mph Over a Limit of 55 or Less.

Tuesday - Oct. 22

8:27 a.m. Six officers investigate a Sudden Death on Quarry Road.

8:59 a.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

9:37 a.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Avery Road.

3:07 p.m. Disturbance reported and investigated on Lawson Farm Road.

8:10 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Wednesday - Oct. 23
12:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop and arrest(s) made by six officers at Londonderry Police Department on Mammoth Road.

8:19 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Boyd Road.

10:20 a.m. Four officers serve warrant and make an arrest on Whittemore Road. Paul Martin, 36, of

Londonderry, charged with two counts of Theft by Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000.

10:25 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Avery Road.

12:19 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Happy Lane.

1:01 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Pillsbury Road.

2:12 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Avery Road.

6:04 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Adams Road.

Thursday - Oct. 24

1:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by four officers at Page Road on Rockingham Road. Mario Pena, 42, of Nashua, charged with: Speeding 11-15 mph Over a Limit of 55 or Less; Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Open Container; and Misuse of Plates.

3:24 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers at 7-eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

10:24 a.m. Auto Theft investigated at Penske

Truck Rental on Jack's Bridge Road.

12:04 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Welfare Check on Cimmaron Circle.

5:53 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Harvey Road leads to an arrest. Nicholas Verfaillie, 27, of Hudson, charged with Suspended/Revoked License For Driving While Intoxicated, Etc

6:12 p.m. Three officers respond to Suicide Attempt/Threat on Premier Drive.

Friday - Oct. 25

9:50 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Rainbow Drive.

2:38 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Dexter Road, Derry. Cyrus Johnson, 24, of Derry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

3:52 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency on Airport Road.

5:52 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at Enterprise Drive, leads to an arrest. Jessica Ratay, 46, of Londonderry, charged with Operating without a Valid License.

Saturday - Oct. 26

1:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest

made by three officers. Brian Hanlon, 36, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Protective Custody - Alcohol.

3:24 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest Arrest(s) Made on Route 93, Southbound, on Exit 4 Off-Ramp.

7:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest on Jack's Bridge Road, at Harvey Industries. Tommy Rogers, 39, of Boston, MA, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension; and driving an Unregistered Vehicle.

9:39 a.m. Keep the Peace requested at Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road

4:11 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Haywood Road.

6:27 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Planeview Drive.

8:10 p.m. Six officers respond to Sparhawk Drive for an Involuntary Emergency Admission transported to a hospital.

11:03 p.m. Peace restored for a Domestic Disturbance on High Range Road.

Sunday - Oct. 27

12:12 a.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle leads to an arrest at the Man-

chester town-line on Rockingham Road. Roberta Poulin, 79, of Manchester, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

1:28 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made at Noyes Road on Rockingham Road. Andre LePage, 46, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

2:28 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made at Shasta Drive, on Mammoth Road. Edward Devanna, 71, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Open Container.

3:13 a.m. Services rendered at a Disturbance at Nouria on Rockingham Road.

3:35 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Boulder Drive.

6:03 p.m. Services Rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Albany Avenue.

6:39 p.m. Three officers assist Londonderry Fire Department on Parmenter Road with transportation of subject to a hospital.

8:58 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Karen Lane.

9:22 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Around Town

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equipment for the Senior Center. For details please call the center at 603-432-8554 and ask for Bonnie. Fair entrance is free of charge.

St Jude Craft Fair

St. Jude will hold a craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The fair features handmade gifts made by our crafters, including special items for pets, as well as a cookie walk, bake sale and White Elephant rooms. Also, features are Famous Raffles, with many items, a stunning handmade quilt raffle, a Thanksgiving basket, a 50/50, gift cards raffles. Food and beverages, including lunch will be available for sale. All proceeds will

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LLEEP

Londonderry Early Education Program is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year! If your child turned 3 by Sept. 1 and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. Programs for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and our program for our prekindergarten students meet from noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition rates are: Preschool: \$160 per month for a 2 day per week program and \$210 a month for a 4 day per week program. Prekindergarten: \$190 per month for a 3 day

per week program and \$210 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Denise Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Anstey's Army

Join Anstey's Army on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 9:15 a.m. - 1 p.m., for a Metastatic Breast Cancer Music Bingo Fundraiser at the Stumble Inn, Londonderry. \$20 for 3 Games of Music Bingo! Breakfast sandwich-

es and beverages will be available for purchase. Please contact Sharon Dyson-Demers at shashawineclub@gmail.com or Silvia Anstey at ansteyarmy@gmail.com to purchase tickets in advance. Space is limited. Can't make it? Donate to MBC where 100% of proceeds go to research & finding a cure. <https://donate.metavivor.org/fundraiser/4574898>

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