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Sensory Help

Last week, Mayra Gillis, of Pelham, donated dozens of Sensory Kits to the Londonderry Police Department. She created the kits to help first responders interact with children who have trouble communicating. Gillis has delivered the kits to a number of communities across the granite state.

Photo by Chris Paul

Woodmont Commons Looks for Accessory Dwelling Unit Flexibility

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A recent Londonderry Planning Board meeting featured a detailed discussion about accessory dwelling units (ADUs) within the Woodmont Commons Planned Unit

Development (PUD).

Kevin Smith, a land use consultant for Woodmont Commons, explained that most of the sub-areas within the PUD are entitled to include ADUs as part of their overall housing density calculations. Un-

der the current definition, ADUs are limited to one-bedroom units or studios, with a maximum of 750 square feet per unit.

Smith, a former Londonderry Town Manager and is also currently list-

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Trustee Appointments Halted, Staff Rebuke Board Leadership

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Staff at the Leach Library issued a vote of no confidence in the Library's Board of Trustees just before the Monday night Town Council meeting, citing concerns over leadership and treatment of the Library Director.

The letter, read aloud by senior staff during the meeting on Oct. 6, specifically named Chair Liz Thomas, Treasurer Jan McLaughlin, Trustee Christine Fitzgerald, and Trustee Moira Ryan.

"On Oct. 6, 2025, the Leach Library staff made

a majority vote of No Confidence in the Leach Library Board of Trustees," the letter stated. "Due to these Trustees' recent unprofessional and demeaning treatment toward Library Director Erin Matlin, the library staff did not invite Director Matlin to participate in the vote nor the writing of this statement."

The letter outlined eight specific actions the staff hopes the Board will take to repair the fractured relationship.

"This statement is submitted in good faith, with the hope that these concerns will lead to positive change and re-

store a healthy, functional working relationship between library staff and the Board," the letter continued. "If these requests cannot be met by any member of the Board, the library staff respectfully request their resignation, as these steps are key to rebuilding the trust they have broken with library staff and the Londonderry community."

The Town Council was expected to appoint alternate members to the Board of Trustees at the same meeting. However, following a second round of interviews –

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Planning Board to Revisit Role of Heritage Commission

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the conclusion of the most recent Planning Board meeting, a familiar topic resurfaced: the role and scope of the town's Heritage Commission.

Concerns about the commission's involvement in planning matters have been raised as far back as last year.

Back in September of 2024 Planning Board member Tony DeFrancesco expressed frustration over a recommendation made by the Heritage Commission, which he believed extended beyond its advisory role.

DeFrancesco noted that applicants may not

fully understand that the Heritage Commission serves in an advisory capacity only. He voiced concern that the commission was "overstepping their bounds into Planning Board territory."

"I don't get it, I don't understand it, I don't know how the discussions are allowed," DeFrancesco said at the time. "I don't know why the Chair of that commission would put it in the notes."

The issue in question involved a bus stop recommendation for a development project. DeFrancesco said he wasn't sure whether the problem stemmed from a lack of training or

something else, but he believed it was unfair to applicants, staff, and the Planning Board.

"I'm not sure what's going on, I'm not sure why it's happening or how it's happening," he said. "But I will tell you, what's going on is not right."

As a possible solution, DeFrancesco suggested that town staff

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Leadership Londonderry Learns Fire Department Operations, Staffing Challenges, and Community Outreach at Second Session

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Deputy Chief Philip LeBlanc and Battalion Chief Bruce Hallowell of the Londonderry Fire Department (LFD) hosted the second session of the Leadership Londonderry program, offering participants an in-depth look at the department's history, operations, and community engagement.

"Our history here in Londonderry is really not that old when it comes to the fire service," LeBlanc explained, noting that there was no fire service of any kind before 1949, and no town-supported organization until a few years later. "1953 was the first time Londonderry Fire became a municipal organization because the town appropriated \$500 to 10 volunteers, allowing them to add something to their organization, whether it be equipment or gear."

The early LFD was

recognized by the state in 1955 and was fully taken over by the town in 1976, transforming the volunteer group into a paid department as its responsibilities expanded.

"Today, we have our tanker truck, our heavy rescue vehicle with all of the equipment we need for rope rescue, water rescue, vehicle accidents with entrapment, hazardous material supplies, and fuel spill mitigation," said LeBlanc. "We also have a big military forestry vehicle, which is part of an agreement we have with the state fire warden. 'Fire department' is a loose term, because we don't put out a lot of fires, but we do deal with a lot of emergencies."

LeBlanc also outlined the department's emergency vehicles - including hazmat units and ambulances - and the command structure across Londonderry's three fire stations.

One Leadership Lon-

donderry participant asked what happens when the department receives multiple emergency calls at once.

"There's a rollover system. After a certain number of rings, if a dispatcher isn't able to pick up, it rolls over to an organization we have a municipal agreement with," explained Hallowell. "If our phones go down, or 911 can't get through to us, it rolls over to Derry, and then we just communicate with each other over the radio."

Another method used is "stacking" calls by severity. The LFD is staffed well enough to handle two, three, or even four emergencies simultaneously.

"In New Hampshire, we have Public Safety Answering Point. Most people probably don't pay attention to it, but there's a little tax on your cellphone bill, and that goes to support the 911 system," said Hal-

lowell. "Emergency medical dispatch can talk you through certain things that help in an emergency, while they're also notifying us."

Residents also asked about LFD's outreach programs.

"Can you touch base on this new program that the department has started at the high school?" one man asked.

LeBlanc described a program where interested students can apply to "learn the firefighter trade," giving them a hands-on introduction to the profession. The program currently has eight students and is designed to spark interest in firefighting careers, though it does not

include certification.

"With the massive construction going on in Londonderry and the massive congestion - and I see an accident on Gilcrest almost every other day - is your staffing adequate?" one woman asked.

Both firefighters acknowledged that staffing levels are "nowhere close" to what's recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, although they are better than in previous years.

"What happens if there's a fire and everybody in an area is on well water?" another resident asked.

LeBlanc responded that the department is well-equipped to bring

water to any fire scene.

"Our tanker has 2,500 gallons," he said. "Part of our dispatch is to call tankers in to bring even more water."

Hallowell emphasized that the department's top priority upon arrival is safety and ensuring buildings are clear.

Even for those who couldn't attend the Leadership Londonderry session, LeBlanc encouraged residents to reach out.

"We are open 365/24/7 - the 'no vacancy' sign never goes up. If somebody is there, knock on the door, somebody will show you around," said LeBlanc.

"We are always open for you guys to come in and see what we do."

Woodmont

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ed as a Real Estate Advisor at Berkshire Hathaway, sought consensus from the Board on allowing flexibility to build either ADUs or additional studio/one-bedroom units - without exceeding the square footage permitted in each zone.

"For example," Smith said, "one of the sub-areas allows for 330 primary residences and 20 ADUs. That equates to 15,000 square feet. The density isn't increasing - it's just allowing for either ADUs or more small units, up to 750 square feet each."

He emphasized that the density would remain contained within each sub-area and would not be trans-

ferred between zones. While most sub-areas in the PUD allow for ADUs, some do not, and the number permitted varies. In one case, only a single ADU is allowed.

Smith clarified that ADUs in the PUD are treated as standalone buildings and must comply with all existing zoning regulations. Additionally, the property owner must occupy one of the two units for it to qualify as an ADU under the current definition.

"We're not changing the definitions," Smith said. "We're just asking for some flexibility."

He provided another example: if a sub-area allows for 330 residences and 20 ADUs, building 331 residences would reduce the number of ADUs allowed to

19. "It's just allowing flexibility," he reiterated, "to swap out the allowable square footage."

Planning Board Alternate Tony DeFrancesco noted that the proposal could lead to more starter homes, which he said some in the community have expressed a need for.

"And this would be a way, perhaps, to do that," he said.

Board Chair Jake Butler added that smaller homes could help improve affordability, while member Art Rugg said the proposal would enhance housing options.

"It gives us, I think, greater flexibility - housing choice," Rugg said.

The Board agreed with the concept, pending appropriate site plans.

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EPA Finalizes Water Line Extension Plan for Tinkham Garage Site

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has officially finalized its short-term plan for the Tinkham Garage Superfund Site in Londonderry, issuing the Interim Record of Decision (IROD) to address contamination concerns in nearby neighborhoods.

"The IROD memorializes EPA's preferred alternative to extend the existing municipal water line into certain target neighborhoods where groundwater is used as a drinking water source, and connections of homes impacted or potential-

ly impacted by the site-related contaminants of concern that were not previously connected to the existing water line," said EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Aaron Shaheen.

According to the IROD, the plan will extend the municipal water line into neighborhoods where residents currently rely on well water and may be affected by site-related contaminants.

The 375-acre Tinkham Garage Superfund Site has a long history dating back to 1978, when residents on Ross Drive reported foam and unusual odors in local

streams and wells. Investigations revealed that a nearby salvage yard was leaking oil and runoff from septic tank trucks, releasing hazardous materials into the environment.

Concerns escalated in recent years with the discovery of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in residential wells. The EPA responded by providing bottled water to approximately 89 residents in the Ross/Tokanel and Boston/Charleston neighborhoods, all of whom rely on well water.

Following a public comment period, Londonderry Town Manag-

er Shaun Mulholland submitted recommendations for the Interim Plan, including a water main design with fire protection capabilities, a community air monitoring program, and protections for nearby Beaver Brook.

Public comments also emphasized the need to minimize disruption and avoid rework during installation of the new water main.

"Connecting affected and at-risk homes to public water is the right interim step," wrote Mulholland.

The issue has also drawn attention from New Hampshire's feder-

al delegation.

"We are deeply concerned about the PFAS exposure of Londonderry residents, and we urge the EPA to ensure that residents will be able to access a safe supply of drinking water by connecting households to the municipal water system," wrote Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen, along with Representative Chris Pappas, in a joint public statement. "We urge the EPA to remediate the contamination by extending an existing municipal water line running within the Site into the target neighborhood. This action

would prevent exposure of residents to site contaminants from drinking water. We also urge the EPA to continue working with the local community to protect residents from contaminated water."

The EPA clarified that the Interim Plan does not address groundwater contamination or other potentially affected media. A final remedial action for the entire site will be determined in a future decision document.

The agency pledged to continue monitoring groundwater at the site, with periodic reviews conducted at a minimum of every five years.

Londonderry Library Celebrates First Full Year in GMILCS

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the October meeting of the Leach Library Board of Trustees, Library Director Erin Matlin presented an overview of the library's first full year as a member of the Greater Manchester Inter Library Consortial System - better known as the GMILCS Consortium.

"I wanted to talk about the GMILCS data-sheet. I think it's really helpful as we begin budget discussions," said Matlin, noting that circulation numbers through GMILCS have remained strong throughout 2025. "We're coming up on our one-year anniversary in October since joining the Consortium."

Matlin invited Head of Circulation Services Megan Donovan, who helped compile the data-sheet, to provide additional context.

"I broke things down into total circulation for both physical and digital materials," explained Donovan. "I usually separate the two categories in my reports so you can see where we're at. We also gained access to an additional digital database through GMILCS, which is amazing."

Donovan highlighted a 4.4% increase in library visitors and emphasized the success of the Interlibrary Loan program.

"There's been a significant increase in Interlibrary Loan activity since we joined GMILCS,"

she said. "Many of our patrons have visited other GMILCS libraries to check out materials, and we've had patrons from other towns come here to borrow from our collection."

She distributed a printed report to the Trustees, prompting Treasurer Jan McLaughlin to request more detailed data.

"Is it possible to get the number of patrons who specifically accessed GMILCS resources?" McLaughlin asked. "This shows a total circulation increase, but it doesn't break down how much of that is directly tied to GMILCS."

Donovan confirmed that she had the data available in a spreadsheet and would share it

with the Board.

The Consortium's impact was praised by members of the public in attendance. Resident Kate Burbage commended Matlin for her leadership in connecting Leach Library to GMILCS.

"Programming has expanded, our catalog now includes GMILCS membership, and enthusiasm for our public library has exploded," said Burbage.

Fellow resident Meg-

an Thompson also voiced her support.

"This time last year, the library was still managing its transition to GMILCS," said Thompson. "So far in 2025, Leach Library patrons have checked out more than 4,500 items from other libraries in our area. That's an amazing example of how the library provides value to the community."

The GMILCS Consortium currently serves

libraries in Amherst, Bedford, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Hudson, Londonderry, Manchester, Merrimack, Milford, Salem, Windham, and New England College. Leach Library officially joined in October 2024 after several months of preparation.

The Leach Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library meeting room.

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Editorial

A Slice of History with a Side of Sauce (or Gravy, Depending on Your Nonna)

October is Italian American Heritage Month, and as someone proudly of Italian descent, I say - mangia! This month is all about celebrating the bold spirit, rich traditions, and yes, the culinary brilliance of Italian Americans. We're talking about a culture that gave the world Michelangelo, mozzarella, and the magic of Sunday dinner.

Italian Americans have done more than just feed the nation (though we've done that exceptionally well). We've built cities, led movements, starred on stage and screen, and even helped split the atom - thanks, Enrico Fermi! From Frank Sinatra's velvet voice to Antonin Scalia's sharp mind, we've added a little spice to every corner of American life.

Our story in the U.S. began in the late 1800s, when folks from Southern Italy and Sicily arrived with little more than hope, grit, and recipes that would change dinner tables forever. Today, we're the fifth-largest ethnic group in the country - and we still throw the best parties. Just ask New York City, where over 35,000 marchers celebrate Columbus Day with a parade that's part heritage, part spectacle, and all heart.

Now, about Columbus. Yes, he was a 15th-century Italian explorer credited with "discovering" Ameri-

ca in 1492. And yes, his legacy is complicated. The conquest that followed was brutal, and history doesn't shy away from that. But Columbus Day isn't just about one man - it's about honoring the courage to explore, the drive to discover, and the pride of our heritage. It's a day to say, "Hey, we've come a long way - and we brought cannoli!"

More and more people now observe Indigenous Peoples' Day, and that's a beautiful thing. It's a chance to honor Native cultures and celebrate the diversity that makes America truly special. This dual observance reminds us that history is layered, and understanding it helps us grow. It's not about choosing sides - it's about embracing the full story.

Because what we Italians say is "La Dolce Vita" - the sweet life. And that's what this month is all about. Sweet memories, sweet traditions, and sweet sauce (or gravy, depending on your zip code). It's about family, laughter, resilience, and the joy of living fully - whether you're dancing at a street festival or sneaking a second helping of Nonna's meatballs.

So raise a glass (of Chianti, preferably), hug your Nonna, and celebrate the joy, strength, and deliciousness of Italian American life. Buona festa, and happy Italian American Heritage Month, Cin Cin!

Letters

NH Clean Airf

To the editor,

We are outraged by the Trump Administration's relentless assault on our environment and climate protections. In New Hampshire, we are already seeing the effects: hotter summers, more flooding, and worsening air quality. Yet President Trump continues to dismiss the reality of climate change, calling it "overblown," while EPA decided to stop requiring companies to report their climate pollution - and is even moving to scrap the government's legal obligation to address climate change, a safeguard that has been in place since 2009.

This comes on top of years of rollbacks: weakening clean car standards, gutting methane rules, allowing more toxic pollution from power plants, and rolling back protections for our drinking water, wetlands, and waterways. Families in Londonderry and nearby towns are already living with PFAS contamination in their drinking water - a stark reminder of how pollution directly threatens our health.

These actions are not abstract. In Londonderry, families are already grappling with higher energy costs and the impacts of extreme heat on health. Flooding along the Merrimack and its tributaries has repeatedly impacted towns like Hooksett and Nashua - and New Hampshire is seeing more flash floods as storms grow stronger. Our ski industry - a \$1.5 billion part of our economy - is also under threat.

Granite Staters value our clean air, clean water, and healthy landscapes. We deserve leaders who put our communities and our children's future ahead of corporate polluters and fossil fuel executives.

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Open Letter to Londonderry State Reps

To the editor,

Dear Representatives Dolan, Lundgren, MacDonald, Packard, Soti, and Thomas:

I just attended a "town hall" type meeting with Londonderry's state representatives Dunn and Perez. I applaud them for taking the time to hear directly from the public, answer questions, and share information about their work in Concord. I am not aware of any similar meeting with any of our other representatives. Correct me if I'm wrong but why don't our other reps hold such meetings? They are an essential part of democratic representation, providing an open forum where residents can ask questions and raise concerns directly rather than relying only on indirect info such as social media posts. It also allows building trust and transparency so we can see how our representatives are voting on key issues

and why and give constituents the opportunity to voice approval or concern in real time, not just at election season.

Not everyone has the time or means to travel to Concord, or to follow every bill and vote online. Local meetings in Londonderry make it possible for more citizens to participate in government, which ultimately makes our democracy stronger.

I respectfully urge you to schedule such meetings individually or as a group here in Londonderry. Your constituents would greatly appreciate the chance to hear from you directly and to share their views.

Thank you for your service and for considering this request.

David Gintz
Londonderry

Ensure Iran's Nuclear Sites Are Destroyed

To the editor,

Hopefully, the U.S. airstrikes on the Iranian nuclear development sites were highly successful and destroyed Iran's capability to develop nuclear weapons. Our military performed well to complete a complex operation.

Some members of the Administration said the U.S. strike destroyed the Iranian nuclear sites, which I hope is accurate. The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) initial damage assessment report said the sites were partially destroyed, entrances were blocked, and Iran's nuclear development program was pushed back a few months. Also, the UN nuclear watchdog chief said Iran could be enriching Ura-

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Letters

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nium again in a few months.

It will be interesting to see the DIA final damage assessment report.

An Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson said the sites were destroyed. Since Iran tends to distort the truth, it lends credence to the DIA report of lighter damage to the sites. Iran wants the U.S. and Israel to believe their nuclear weapons development program was put out of action to avoid follow-up attacks. It is hoping to be able to continue its nuclear weapons development program unhindered by outside intervention.

If Iran is able to continue its nuclear weapons development program, we might have to conduct a follow-up attack. However, it might take an Israeli sophisticated fly-in air and ground operation to destroy the Iranian sites. Additionally, the Iranian drone manufacturing facilities should be destroyed. They provide drones to Russia to attack Ukraine.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

More Jobs Numbers

To the editor,
Well, someone has to do it now that this Regime is no longer putting out Jobs Data, right? I mean how could you when your message is Great, Terrific all the time. To Recap, the

worst quarter since covid days; 19k in May, 14K in June, 73K in July was followed by August at just 22K. FYI, August was just revised down to -3K. Last week ADP just posted their Jobs data for September at -32K. All I can say is we did warn you, elect a Clown, expect a Circus.

I was happy to see all the outpouring of support and calls for change with the tragic shooting a few weeks back. I thought to myself: Boy, a Mount Everest pile of bodies of victims of gun violence (mostly children) wasn't enough to invoke this type of caring. No sir, all they got was thoughts and prayers, mental illness, nothing we can do about it, followed by what's for lunch. Sad, but you know it's true.

Some good news is that we now have a new name for the GOP. Back when there was a Republican party, it stood for "Guardians Of Pedophiles". It now stands for "Guardians Of Pedophiles". How could it not be with the efforts the GOP is going through to shield the Orange Dictator Pedophile. From delaying votes to not swearing in newly elected Democrats to the House who have promised to vote for releasing the files, it's painfully obvious. It has been dubbed the largest Sex trafficking / Pedophile ring in the history of the world! All I can say is if you are part of the new GOP, well if the shoe fits.

Some more good news, there have been 6 Special elections for the House so far in 2025. Democrats have won 4 of these seats. A couple in deep Red districts. If I were on the other side, I would be worried.

Hang on, help is on the way! (Assuming we are still allowed to vote in 2026).

Steve Homsey
Londonderry

In response to Ms. Fugina and Mr. Yochim.

To the editor,
First off George Floyd was passing fake \$20 bills in a store which caused the intervention of the police. Floyd was already having problems breathing, so he asked to be placed on the ground. Officer Chauvin did not compress his neck in a manner to choke him. He was using a position which is approved by law enforcement. The autopsy of Floyd showed that he had enough drugs in his system to kill multiple people. He had just walked out of robbing a store (Christian like?) No!

Just the other day it was proven that on Jan 6 there were 274 FBI in the crowd who were directed to cause chaos and destruction. NO police officers were killed on Jan 6 that is a flat out lie. The only people killed/died on Jan. 6 were four Trump supporters.

Ashleigh Babbitt was shot at point blank range from a Capital Police officer with a history of wrongdoing on

his record. She was trying to block the broken window, it's all on video. Roseanne Boyland was beaten to death by a female Capital Police officer then dragged into the building, all on video EMTs were not called for her until hours after she had passed.

Benjamin Phillips died of natural causes due to the stress. He was a Trump supporter in the crowd.

Kevin Greeson died of national causes due to the stress. He was a Trump supporter in the crowd.

No Police Officers were killed on Jan. 6. It is a fact and Wikipedia is not a journalistic site for information. The murders of Rep. Melissa Hartman, her husband and dog were done by a Democrat who had "no kings" flyers in his car and he worked for Tim Waltz.

The division in this country started with Obama when he said Conservatives are "bitter clingers holding onto their guns and their Bible".

Hillary Clinton; "They're a basket of deplorables and irredeemables"

Maxine Waters; "When you see them out there, you push back and tell them. They're not wanted".

President Trump did not excite the Jan 6 crowd. He said "Go peacefully and quietly to the Capital". In which an agitated crowd was already there, yes a small portion of people did

fight with police. But ly knows but we do were they the FBI, know by the video evi- ANTIFA, and/or Trump dence of people being supporters? No one real-

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OBITUARY

Reed Paige Clark III



Reed Paige Clark, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and lifelong public servant, passed away peacefully on Sept. 22, 2025, at the age of 96.

Reed was the son of Reed Paige Clark II, a distinguished Foreign Service Officer, and Jeanne Bertrand Clark. From the moment of his birth-marked by a difficult delivery that left him partially paralyzed-Reed's life was defined by resilience, grace, and quiet determination. While home base was in Londonderry, NH, he spent his early years traveling the globe, living in diplomatic posts across Europe and Canada, before settling in Washington, DC.

Reed attended Georgetown Preparatory School as a boarding student in the seventh grade, where he found his home away from home. Despite physical challenges, he excelled socially, athletically, and academically, graduating second in his class and forming lifelong friendships. After graduation, he remained an active alumnus for life and held several leadership roles there including President of the Georgetown Prep Alumni Association and President of the Father's Club. Reed continued his education at Georgetown University, earning a degree that prepared him for a career in public service.

Reed poured his energy into a distinguished 37-year career at the U.S. Department of State, rising through the ranks in the Consular Affairs Division. He played key roles in major international events, including the Iran Hostage Crisis and the Jonestown tragedy, always approaching his work with compassion and integrity. Reed earned multiple awards and distinctions, including the "Disabled Employee of the Year" for the entire federal government-a testament to his perseverance and dedication.

Reed met the love of his life, Phyllis Straub, at the Catholic Club in Washington, DC. After a persistent courtship, Phyllis said "yes," and together they built a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, and purpose. Married for nearly sixty-five years until Phyllis' death in July 2025, they raised five children and created a home rooted in faith, service, and unconditional love.

Reed is survived by his five children and their spouses: Bill Clark and his wife, Michele; Jerry Clark and his wife, Diane; Jeanne Baxter and her husband, Jim; Steve Clark and his wife, Maricy; Rob Clark and his wife, Jennifer.

Reed was a proud grandfather to 17 grandchildren: DJ, Jack, Caroline, Katie, Sean, Kevin, Justin, Riley, Lille, Courtney, Natalie, Julia, Stephen Daniel, Cassidy, Connor, Tommy, and Luke. He is also survived by one great-grandchild, Rachel Clark, whose presence brought him immense joy in his later years.

In retirement, Reed and Phyllis moved back to the ancestral family home in Londonderry, NH, where Reed became a beloved figure in the community. He was a dedicated member of the Rotary Club, the Taxpayer's Association, and numerous civic organizations-never missing a chance to give back to his beloved hometown. In recent years, Reed and Phyllis moved back to Washington, DC to spend the final phases of their lives closer to family.

Reed's life was a testament to his grit, resilience, and unwavering faith. He believed deeply in service-to his country, his community, and most of all, his family. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the example he set.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Jude Church in Londonderry, NH at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 1 2025, followed by a reception at The Coach Stop Restaurant. In addition, there will be a Memorial Mass held at Georgetown Prep in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Reed Clark's memory may be made to the Rotary Club of Londonderry, NH, <https://givebutter.com/ps8Vqp>.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported them with prayers, love, and remembrance during this time.

May his enduring spirit continue to guide us. Carry on! Please sign the guest book at: www.DeVolFuneralHome.com

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Town to Make Old Home Day Committee a Nonprofit

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council has approved a proposal to establish the Old Home Day Committee as an independent nonprofit organization.

Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen presented the plan during the Council's most recent meeting, explaining that while the committee would operate separately from the town, it would continue to receive logistical support from town staff.

"The Town proposes the formation of a Londonderry Old Home Day Committee 501(c)(3) organization to assume re-

sponsibility for Old Home Day," Hildonen wrote in a memo to the Council. "The committee will be closely associated with the Town but separately organized."

Town staff will assist with coordination efforts, including liaising with public safety and managing facilities. However, the core responsi-

bilities - such as scheduling, volunteer recruitment, and fundraising - will remain with the volunteer-run committee.

"It would be run by volunteers," Hildonen said.

The Town Council will appoint a five-member Board of Directors to oversee the nonprofit. The board will include

one Town Council member appointed annually by the Chair, and four Londonderry residents appointed to staggered three-year terms. As with other town committees, interested residents will complete a Talent Bank form and undergo interviews before appointments are made.

"This organization will be registered as a nonprofit tax-exempt entity with all requisite State and Federal agencies, including the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office and the IRS," Hildonen noted. "It will comply with all relevant laws and reporting requirements."

The committee will also receive support from a designated member of the Recreation Department and the Town Manager's Office.

One major benefit of the new structure is the

ability to accept tax-deductible donations, which could enhance fundraising efforts.

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland emphasized that financial transparency will be a priority.

"We're requiring this committee to have public meetings where people can participate," Mulholland said.

Although the committee will operate independently, its finances will be managed through the Town's Finance Department. Any funds raised or spent will be processed through official town channels.

Members unanimously approved the formation of the Londonderry Old Home Day Committee nonprofit and authorized the Town Manager to take all necessary steps to establish and register the organization with state and federal agencies.

Trustees

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some of which took place during the previous meeting - the Council ultimately chose not to move forward with any appointments.

Council members cited the open letter and vote of no confidence as a major concern.

"My concern is, knowing what we just learned in public comment today, we're going to ask possibly one to three people to go into a situation that is currently not good - and we need to do that first," said Town Council Chair Ron Dunn.

Councilor Dan Bouchard, who serves as liai-

son to the Library Board of Trustees, said he and Town Manager Shaun Mulholland had attempted mediation efforts.

"We both tried, and that got shot down," Bouchard said. "Since then, I've seen nothing but chaos on the Board of Trustees. We're being asked to put three alternates on there. I don't see this solving the problem - I think it's going to create more problems."

Mulholland clarified that the Town Council has no jurisdiction over the Board of Trustees, as libraries operate as a separate form of government. He emphasized that the Council can only assist if invited to do so.

During the second public comment period, Treasurer Jan McLaughlin defended the Board's efforts, stating they had worked for months to find solutions.

She noted that in June, the Board unanimously voted to send a slate of candidates to the Town Council for consideration. However, following comments at the next Council meeting, the Council opted to take over the process.

While the Board of

Trustees can recommend alternate members, only the Council has the authority to approve.

Mulholland cited RSA statutes to clarify that the Council is not obligated to appoint alternates simply because the Board requests it.

"This does not require you to appoint alternates to the Board because they've asked you to," he said. "That's not what it says, and it's a misinterpretation to suggest otherwise."

OBITUARY

Gary Sullivan



Gary Sullivan, 68, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Friday, Sept. 26, 2025, after a sudden illness. He was born in August 1957 to the late Raymond Sullivan and Geraldine Sullivan Twombly (nee Greeley), Weymouth, MA. He was much loved by his partner in crime, Paula Smith. He also leaves his pride and joy, the doggie triumvirate Woodstock, Ringo, and Wiki. Oh boy, did he love those dogs.

Gary was a proud member of the Marine Corps, serving from 1978 to 1988. Following his service, he worked in construction. Most recently, he was employed at the NH Department of Transportation for over a decade before retiring.

Gary was an avid hunter and got joy from taking his Griffons out in the woods to look for birds. He hunted deer and turkey and loved being in nature. He enjoyed fly fishing and training his dogs to perform in the field. Gary was a big fan of the Upland Journal community, of which he has been a member for decades. He valued the friendship of these people tremendously.

He will be missed by his daughter Anne-Marie Sullivan and companion Nyx LeCouffe, as well as Cymon Drouin and his partner's children Craig Wolfe-Smith and Deryn Ayres. He leaves his three brothers, Greg, Glen, and Dean, as well as several nieces and nephews. Gary was incredibly proud of and found tremendous joy in his grandchildren, Caitlyne and Lyam Drouin.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, from 4-5:30 p.m., with a Service of Remembrance at 5:30 p.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to be made in Gary's memory to Upland Journal: An Online Magazine Devoted to the Upland Bird Hunting Enthusiast. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumont-sullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARY

Kathleen Frances Wright



Kathleen Frances Wright, 88, of Londonderry, NH, died Monday Sept. 15, 2025, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 19, 1937 in the Bronx, NY, daughter of the late John and Mary (Conway) Lennon.

Kathleen is predeceased by Charles Wright, her loving husband of 50 years. She raised her family in Melrose, MA and worked at Melrose Wakefield Hospital for more than 30 years. She loved her home state of New York, particularly summer family vacations at Rockaway Beach. She relished taking time to be with her grandchildren and attending their school/sports/parades/plays/music events as much as possible. She was an avid Bingo player, enjoyed visiting casinos and watched Jeopardy nightly. For many years, she and her brother Tommy had a standing monthly phone call that both of them treasured, and neither would ever miss.

Kathleen is survived by three daughters: Lauren Wright-Aldrich and spouse Kenrick, Colleen Thomas, and Margaret Pensavalli and spouse Michael, as well as her three sons: Charles Wright and spouse Renee, Sean Wright and spouse Jaynemie, and Robert Wright and spouse Nancy. Kathleen had ten grandchildren - Renee, Danny, Joey, Ryan (and fiancée Amanda), Erin, Jillian, Abby (and spouse Andrew), Kiera, Tara, and Bridget - as well as two great-granddaughters Natalie and Amelia. She is also survived by her brother Thomas Lennon and his wife Mary Ann, many nieces and nephews and is predeceased by siblings Ann Rempel, John Lennon and Barbara Reilly.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Peabody Funeral Home. The funeral service will followed in the funeral home. The burial was at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

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Increases for Tax Exemptions Public Hearing Set for Oct. 20

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items during the Town Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 6, was a proposal to increase property tax exemptions for elderly and disabled residents.

Assessor Stephan Hamilton explained that the town recently completed a comprehensive revaluation of properties across Londonderry. "The Town has un-

dertaken a revaluation of all property this year, and as reported previously, there has been an increase in the assessed value of residential properties occupied by residents who receive Elderly and Disability Exemptions," Hamilton noted in his memo to the Council. "These exemption amounts are set by the Town Council and were last revised in 2023 following the previous reassessment."

Hamilton outlined the four categories of tax exemptions:

- Disabled Persons
- Elderly aged 65-74
- Elderly aged 75-79
- Elderly aged 80 and older

Eligibility is determined based on specific qualification criteria.

One factor considered in recommending updated exemption limits is inflation. Hamilton cited a 5.75% increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, to support adjustments to income and asset thresholds.

Proposed Changes Include:

- Single income limit: Increase from \$48,400 to \$51,200
- Married income limit: Increase from \$59,600 to \$63,000
- Asset limit: Increase from \$162,300 to \$171,600

Hamilton also recommended increasing the exemption amounts to reflect the approximate 17% rise in property values among qualifying residents.

Proposed Property Value Exemption Increases:

- Disabled Persons:

From \$175,000 to \$205,000

- Age 65-74: From \$175,000 to \$205,000
- Age 75-79: From \$225,000 to \$265,000
- Age 80 and older: From \$300,000 to \$350,000

Hamilton said he reviewed how many current recipients have their full property taxes covered by the exemption and how that number would change under the proposed increases.

"I've summarized the number of qualified recipients per category, the total current exemption amounts, the number of recipients where

the exemption covers all taxes, the proposed exemption amounts, and the number where the proposed amount of the exemption covers all taxes," he explained.

A question was raised during the meeting on whether the town had considered offering a full tax exemption for residents aged 80 and older. Hamilton said he would provide a detailed analysis of that option at the next meeting.

The Town Council voted to schedule a public hearing on the proposed exemption increases for Monday, Oct. 20.

OBITUARY

Andrea F. Cooper



Andrea F. Cooper, 82, of Hampstead, NH died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, at the Granite VNA Hospice in Concord, NH. Andrea was born in Somerville, MA on Aug. 18, 1943, a daughter of the late Frank Ardizzoni and Charlotte (Eldridge) Dearborn.

Andrea graduated from Stoneham High School and Burdett Secretarial School. She went on to hold Executive Secretary positions prior to her children being born. She later continued to work part time as a Medical Transcriptionist at New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham, MA and Winchester Hospital in Winchester, MA. After moving to NH, she was a medical secretary in an Allergist's office and an Optometrist's office before retiring in 1985 due to health concerns.

Although Andrea was limited physically by her medical conditions, she was very involved in her church families at the First Congregational Church in Stoneham, MA where she was the co-superintendent of the Sunday School program for many years as well as an active member in the Couples' Club and the First Parish Congregational Church in East Derry, NH where she was involved in the church's annual Auctions and Harvest Suppers as well as making meals and sending cards to parishioners who were ill, until she was no longer able to participate due to her declining health.

She had many friends in MA, NH, TX, and CA where she also resided for a time, some of whom predeceased her and she missed dearly. She enjoyed gardening, reading, crossword puzzles, British and Canadian TV mysteries and spending time with her family and friends.

Her greatest joy was her grandsons, who she adored and fully enjoyed spending time with and watching them grow. She attended their games, concerts and other activities and began watching them remotely when being there physically was no longer possible.

Andrea was a fighter and lived with her illnesses with grace and formidable strength. She was an instant friend and left an unforgettable impression on anyone who met her. The world has lost a bright light.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Tom Cooper of Hampstead; one daughter, Diana Cooper of Atkinson, NH; two sons, Scott Cooper of Manchester, NH, and Jeff Cooper and his wife Holly Redding Cooper of Chelmsford, MA; three grandchildren, Ben, Miles and Grayson; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Following cremation, a calling hour will be held on Oct. 13, from 10 - 11 a.m., at the First Parish Church, 47 E. Derry Rd., E. Derry, NH. Memorial services will follow in the church at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the NH Food Bank or Family Promise would be greatly appreciated.

The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Heritage

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determine whether an applicant needs to appear before the Heritage Commission, based on the nature of the proposal and the property involved. He added that design elements such as building colors and roof types could be handled directly by the Planning Board, making the process more user-friendly for applicants.

Last week, at the Oct.

1, 2025 Planning Board meeting, DeFrancesco shared that he had emailed Planning Board Chair Jake Butler regarding the issue. He clarified that he did not share the email with other board members to avoid violating public meeting laws.

While the contents of the email were not disclosed, DeFrancesco said it included an action plan.

"We've talked about the Heritage Commis-

sion and their role," he said. "Are we ready or not to make it an agenda item with a public hearing and do something with their role or not?"

Chair Jake Butler acknowledged the concerns and agreed that the matter should be formally discussed.

"You've brought up good points," Butler said. "I'm certainly open to having the discussion and giving you the ability to present."

He added that he thought the letter DeFrancesco sent him should, at some point,

be formally presented to the entire Planning Board for a discussion as an agenda item.

Planning Board Vice Chair Art Rugg, who also serves as the board's liaison to the Heritage Commission, agreed that staff should be involved in the conversation. He noted that about 20-years ago, the Planning Board delegated certain responsibilities to the Heritage Commission.

The board agreed to schedule a discussion on the Heritage Commission's role for the Dec. 10 meeting.

Letters

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welcomed into our Capital by police were walking peacefully through and within the ropes that this was a setup and they arrested people who did nothing wrong.

And I see in both of your rebuttals that neither of you have any response to the violence committed by BLM and

ANTIFA after the George Floyd death. Your rebuttals show your acceptance of the deaths and destruction caused by the left.

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Alan Roy
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Londonderry Residents Flock to Annual Senior Expo



The Londonderry Seniors Affairs Committee held its fourth annual Senior Expo on Saturday, Oct. 4. Hundreds of residents flocked to the event which featured dozens of vendors from area businesses that provide services to the community's older residents. Former member, Jim Green, who passed away in March, was recognized for his efforts in originally organizing the annual event.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Down Dragons in Duxbury for Second Victory

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School football team traveled to the South Shore of Massachusetts on Saturday, Oct. 4, where they battled the Duxbury Dragons in an out-of-conference matchup and came away with a hard-earned 27-21 victory.

The win marked the halfway point of the fall

season and provided a much-needed boost for the Lancers, who had dropped three of their previous four games in a rather uncharacteristic slump.

Playing their first day game of the season, the Lancers made the 90-mile trip to Duxbury High School and found success with four touchdowns to secure the victory.

Duxbury struck first, marching 61 yards in eight plays on their opening drive to take a 7-0 lead.

The Londonderry squad responded quickly. Starting from their own 20-yard line, the Lancers scored in just seven plays.

Lancers junior quarterback Sully Daron connected with freshman Jackson Rao on a 30-yard pass completed at the eight-yard line, which Rao carried into the end zone. Owen Monahan's extra point attempt missed, leaving the score at 7-6 in favor of Duxbury after the first quarter.

The Dragons added another touchdown on their third drive, extending their lead to 14-6 by the seventh minute of the second quarter.

Londonderry's offense then came alive, scoring twice before halftime to take an 18-14 lead into the break.

The first of those drives covered 72 yards in just four plays, featuring long runs by Daron and senior running back Adrian Cruz. Daron capped off the drive with a 26-yard touch-

down pass to junior Devin VanAvery. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

Moments later, the Lancers capitalized on a Dragons fumble.

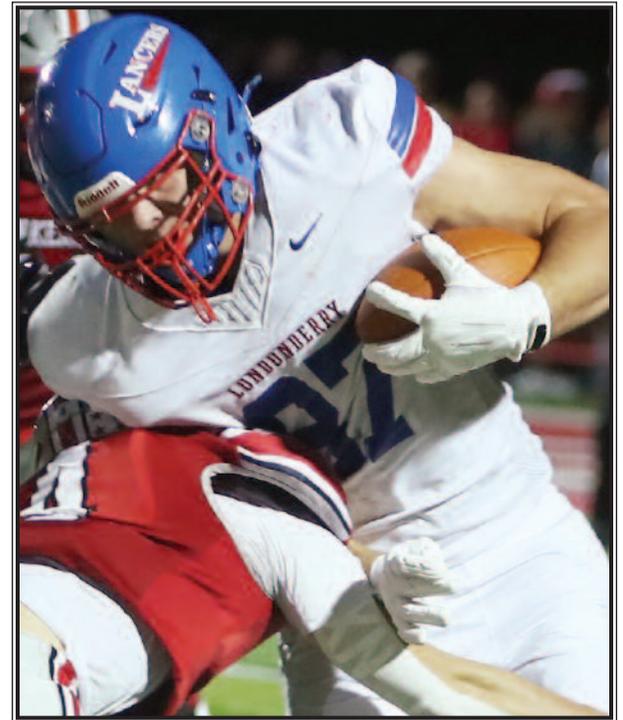
Starting from midfield, Londonderry needed just six plays before Daron connected with VanAvery again on a 30-yard touchdown pass. Another failed two-point attempt left the Lancers with a four-point lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, Monahan gave Londonderry its first lead of the game with a successful 35-yard field goal from the 25-yard line.

Duxbury regained the lead in the fourth quarter after a 50-yard drive put them ahead 21-18 with just under five minutes remaining.

But Londonderry was able to answer swiftly. Starting from the 47-yard line, the Lancers moved the ball in four plays, culminating in a three-yard touchdown run by junior tightend Davis Magarian to seal the win.

The Lancers racked up over 400 yards of total offense, compared to Duxbury's 274. Of



Junior tightend Davis Magarian had the winning touchdown in Duxbury, Mass.

Londonderry's total, 255 yards, and Magarian had two receptions for 55 yards.

Daron completed 11 of 19 passes for all 255 passing yards. Cruz led the rushing attack with 70 yards, followed by Daron with 57 yards and Bradley Higgins with a single 14-yard run.

VanAvery had a standout performance with four receptions for 98 yards, including a long of 30. Rao added two catches for 64

Londonderry returns to Division I action on Friday night, Oct. 10, when they host Manchester Central's Little Green.

Central will be entering the matchup with a 2-3 record and coming off a 14-28 loss to the Alvirne Broncos. The Little Green had wins over Concord and Portsmouth.



Sully Daron passed for over 250-yards in the win over Duxbury Saturday.

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Lancers Boys' Soccer Keep Wins Coming After PA Win

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Soccer team has

put together a mini winning streak after their tight 2-1 victory over the Astros during the Mack Plaque contest.

The Lancers won three consecutive games over some competitive teams and last week the LHS squad was able to outlast the Hanover Bears in a goal shutout to start the week, followed by a 4-1 victory on the seacoast at Portsmouth High School.

Londonderry pushed its season record up to 5-2-2 with a 1-0 win over Hanover (5-3-1).

The lone goal of the contest didn't come until the second half, at 61:00, when junior Jacoby

Jordan put one in with senior Khoi Totten getting the assist.

Head coach Rich Clegg commented after the game, "We had a strong team win against Hanover. The boys played together with energy and discipline, and it showed across all areas of the field."

The Londonderry crew extended their winning streak up to three games on Thursday, Oct. 2, with the three-goal win over the Clippers.

Londonderry moved to 6-2-2 with the victory

and pushed Portsmouth to 4-7.

The Lancers had just one goal in the first half, when sophomore Griffin Cunningham put his team on the board early, at the 3:00 minute mark, with the assist going to from freshman Andrei Sandu.

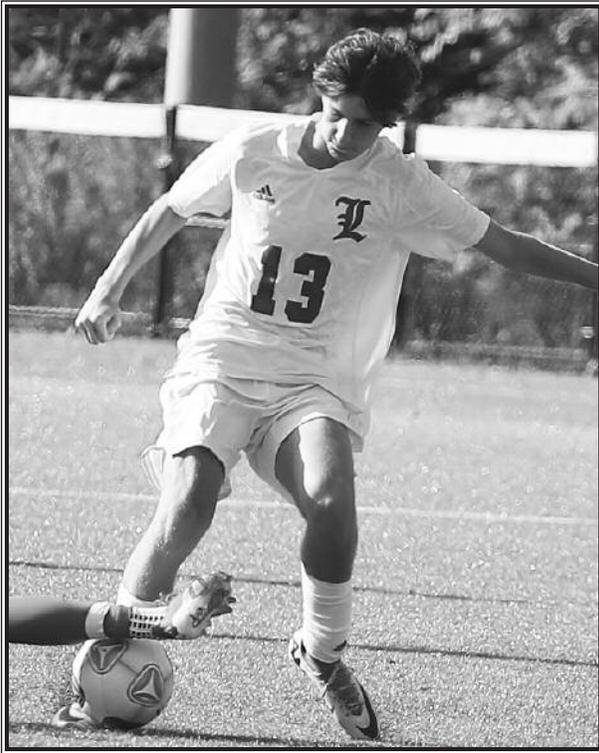
Sandu and senior Leo Sochanek combined efforts twice in the second half, with Sandu scoring at the 48:00 and at 57:00 with assists from Sochanek.

The final Londonderry goal of the game came

at 59:00 when Totten scored from an assist by Sochanek.

Clegg commented after team's sixth victory, "The team put together a complete performance, playing with energy and discipline in all areas of the field. It was a collective effort."

The Lancers hop to continue its winning trend this week with a road game on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Manchester Memorial (3-3-4) and a home contest with Windham (6-2-3) on Friday, Oct. 10, starting at 4 p.m.



Lancers junior Jacoby Jordan had the only goal needed to beat Hanover last week.

Londonderry Boys' Cross-Country Take Second Annual Border Battle

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Cross-Country team saw some exceptional results while competing in the 5K Battle of the Border in neighboring Hudson.

Alvirne High School, hosted the annual event on Saturday, Oct. 4, on the property of historic Hills House just across the road from the school.

In the Boys' Varsity 5,000 Meter Race, featuring 25-teams from New

Hampshire and Massachusetts, the Lancers had two runners out of the 177 competing, cross the finish line in the top ten, which help the team take second place at the event with a score of 105.

The team from Boston Latin Academy finished with 90-points, good for first and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy and Lowell High School were tied third with 107-points.

Londonderry senior, Josh Twomey, contributed three-points by

taking third-place with his time of 16:20.95. The winner, from Lowell crossed the line at 16:12.98.

Sophomore Patrick Ramsey was the second Lancer in with a time 16:34.66, taking the ninth spot in the race.

Other Londonderry runners were: Senior Carson Fitzgerald at 15th with a time of 16:46.62; senior Jack Dibuono, 28th (17:18.92); junior Mason Hernandez, 53rd (17:46.19); junior Joey Gainey, 60th (17:51.94); and senior Cash Robles,

114th at 19:12.27

Boys' Cross Country and Track and Field head coach Matt Smith was pleased with the results, saying after the race, "A couple of guys had some hiccups, but regardless, this was a good result for us. Being the first New Hampshire team was an important goal for us today, and we were able to do that."

He added, "Sophomore Alec Lemeris and senior Gil Tapia also turned in outstanding performances in the JV race with both finishing in the top 10."



**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following items:

- Proposed Charter Amendments:
 - Adjusting the Charter taxonomy
 - Eliminating Article 10 (outdated transition information)
- Updates to Building Permit and Land Use Application Fee Schedules
- Changes to the Criteria for Elderly Exemptions

The public hearing will occur on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. Londonderry Town Council



**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
LEGAL NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public Hearings

Case No. 10-15-2025-1 Request for variance from LZO 4.1.2 Table to allow use of a facility for the storage, maintenance, and transportation of heavy construction, boring equipment and offices in the AR-1 Zoning District. The parcel is located at 108 West Road in the Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. Tax Map 005, Lot 58, Allison Batchelder, Trustee of the Donna A. Picco Revocable Trust Agreement of November 23, 1993 (Owner), Helical Drilling, Inc. (Applicant).

Case No. 10-15-2025-2 Request for special exception from LZO Section 5.15.1 to allow a portable storage structure in the AR-I Zoning District. The parcel is located at 21 South Road in the Agricultural Residential-I (AR-I) zoning district. Tax Map 003, Lot 22-0, Cynthia Peterson/Peterson 2018 Trust (Applicant/Owner).



**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE
OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY**

Pursuant to NH Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 80:89 (2016), notice is hereby given that the Town of Londonderry, NH proposes to sell a parcel of real property located at 10 Beacon Street, which the Town has acquired by tax deed.

Any person or entity who believes they have a legal or equitable interest in said property is hereby invited to notify the Town, in writing, of the nature of such interest no later than November 8, 2025, so that the Town may provide the requisite notification under RSA 80:89.

Written correspondence should be directed to:
Town Manager's Office
Town of Londonderry
268B Mammoth Road
Londonderry, NH 03053

All responses will be reviewed by the Town. Failure to file a timely response may result in the waiver of any claim to an interest in the property.

**Environmental Protection Agency
LEGAL NOTICE**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized the Interim Record of Decision (IROD) for the Tinkham Garage Superfund Site. The IROD memorializes EPA's preferred alternative to extend the existing municipal water line into certain target neighborhoods where groundwater is used as a drinking water source, and connections of homes impacted or potentially impacted by the site-related contaminants of concern that were not previously connected to the existing water line.

The selection of a different, documented remedial alternative represents a fundamental change to the Selected Remedy, as specified in the ROD. A final decision was made after consideration of public comments. Copies of the IROD, Administrative Record, and other background information about Superfund activities can be found at www.epa.gov/superfund/tinkham.



These documents can also be viewed online at the site's information repository located at the Leach Library located at 276 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Lancers Field Hockey's Win Streak Ended by Owls, Bulldogs



Gemma Murray her team's only goals last week

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Field Hockey team had its ten-game winning streak come to an end with two close 1-2 losses last week against two tough Division I teams.

The Lancers began their week at home, riding a nine-game winning streak, having won every one of their games to start the season, and that trend continued when they played host to the Winnacunnet Warriors on Monday, Sept. 29.

In that contest, Londonderry was on the winning side of a 2-1 result and added win number 10 to its flawless record.

At that point in the week, Londonderry was the only Division I team without a loss this season, but unfortunately that streak would come to an end when they traveled to Timberlane Regional High School two days later on Wednesday, Oct 1.

In that game, they came up just short, falling 1-2 against the 6-4 Owls.

Junior Gemma Murray had her team's only goal with an assist from sophomore Morgan Ayotte.

The Lancers squad certainly had their share of opportunities



After starting the week with their tenth consecutive win, the Lancers dropped two straight, falling beneath the Bedford Bull Dogs in the Division I standings for the first time this year. Photos by Chris Paul

in the game, getting six corners in the first half and another 12 in the second, but couldn't capitalize on those advantages.

Junior goaltender Molly Tharrington had one save on three shots.

After that disappointing loss, the Lancers season record took another hit facing the Bedford Bulldogs at home on Friday, Oct. 3, at home.

The Bulldogs and Lancers were both sitting on top of the division at 10-1 and the game was an extremely competitive one with

both teams relying heavily on the defense and finishing the first half scoreless. Londonderry had the only two corners of the half, but wasn't able to capitalize on them.

The scoreless tie ended early in the third period, when Bedford scored at the 14:10 mark coming out of the break.

The one-point lead lasted until 7:12 in the fourth, when Murray put the ball into the corner of the goal off a deflecting shot taken by junior Sadie Moore in front of the Bedford goalie.

Bedford responded

quickly, getting the eventual game-winner two-minute later.

The Bulldogs defense was able to keep Londonderry away from the net for the remainder of the game.

Tharrington made three stops in the team's second loss of the season.

The Lancers will try to resume their winning ways on Monday, Oct. 6 when they travel to Portsmouth to take on the 2-9 Clippers, followed by a home game on Wednesday Oct. 8 against the 6-4-2 Concord Crimson Tide.

Players of the Week



Anna Laufersweiler
Sophomore - XC

Anna's hard work shows every day in practice and at meets. She has set PRs at Derryfield and Nashua and was the ninth Division One finisher at the Manchester Invitational.



Joey Gainey
Junior - XC

Joey is in the midst of a breakout season and has firmly established himself as one of the top seven runners on the team. Because of his positive attitude and work ethic, he's been one of the team's most consistent performers.

Athletes named by LHS Athletics department

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Lancers Golf Team Heads Into the Final Week at 18-3

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Golf team is enjoying one of best season records in the school's history as they compete against their Division I rivals.

Last week began with the Lancers playing their final home match of the season on Monday afternoon, Sept. 29, at the Passaconaway Country Club where the team swept their opponents and also bid farewell to the Lancer's five senior

members.

Nick Bishop, Theo Paccione, Graham Killelea, Carter Washington and Mason Nadeau were all recognized for their accomplishments and contributions to the team in a ceremony before the nine-hole round.

The match resulted in the Londonderry squad defeating the Salem Blue Devils and the Nashua South Purple Panther with a team total of 206. Salem was just five shots back with a 211 and South shot a 231.

Nick Bishop continued his stellar play by shooting a 39, just three-over in the par 36 match. Bishop and the team were helped by fellow senior Theo Paccione who scored a season-low of 41.

Three other seniors played their final home match - Graham Killelea a 48, Mason Nad-

eau came in at 46, and Carter Washington tallied a 43. Washington also shot a season low to help the Lancers pick up two additional victories for the 16th of the season.

Following the match, the Lancers had just two losses this year and headed to Sky Meadow for a tough match against Bishop Guertin, Keene, and Nashua North where they took two of three.

The Londonderry team finished with a total 210 strokes, which was good enough to beat the Titans at 211

strokes and Blackbirds total of 216.

Unfortunately the result was not good enough to beat the host team Cardinals, who put together a tally of 197.

Colton Cameron shot a team best 40, his low round of the year, which ended up being the difference maker against Nashua North.

The Lancers team finished the week at 18-3 and was scheduled to play their final match of the regular season at Derryfield Country Club on Monday, Oct. 6, against Manchester Central and Bishop Guertin.



Senior members of the Lancers Golf Team were recognized at the their final home match of the season. Photo by Chris Paul



Bouncing Back

The Londonderry High School Volleyball squad bounced back from the first loss of the season to rattle off three wins, putting them at 11-1 this season. The Lancers had victories over Windham (3-0); Timberlane (3-2); and Keene (3-0).

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Legion Meeting

On Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will hold their monthly general meeting at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. All members are welcome to attend.

Legion Halloween

On Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m., for Halloween American Legion Post 27 will have live entertainment, raffles and prizes for best costume at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry.

Democrats Monthly Meeting

The next meeting of the Londonderry Democratic Committee is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m., in the Leach Library downstairs meeting room. Local Democrats

and Democratic-leaning Independents and Undeclareds are urged and welcome to attend. Please reach out to LondonderryNH Democrats via Facebook or email pskud@gmail.com for more details.

Football Sunday

Each Sunday afternoon come to American Legion Post 27 at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry, to watch the Patriots play and eat some great free food cooked by our members.

5th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS

Londonderry High School's Community Service Club is hosting its 5th Annual Walk to Defeat ALS on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m., on the LHS track. Raffle tickets for gift certificates to area restaurants

and businesses will be on sale. Winners will be drawn after the walk. If you would like to honor someone who has had or is currently battling ALS, contact Kelly Giguere at kgiguere@londonderry.org by Oct. 16 to order a lawn banner.

Women's Club Bake Sale

Join the Londonderry Women's Club for a cozy fall day at Elwood Orchards on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 12, same times. Enjoy homemade pies, cookies, breads, and more-freshly baked with love by members of the Londonderry Women's Club. Perfect before or after apple picking. All proceeds support local community projects.

Vape and Your Health Workshops

The Upper Room, will hold its next Vape and Your Health Workshop on Oct. 15, from 3 - 4 p.m. This coming year classes will be available for teens 13 - 18. The Upper Room is offering information that can inform choice and life-long habits important to youth. Classes will be held at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. These classes will be FREE of charge. To register for a Vape Workshop please call 603-437-8477 x 117

Brandenburg and Beyond Concert

St. Peter's Church in Londonderry is delighted to invite you an autumn afternoon attending a complimentary 'Contemporary Baroque' chamber music concert. The program will be performed by the renowned Brandenburg and Beyond Quartet and will take place on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 3 p.m., at the church on 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. It is brought to you, at no charge, by St. Peter's Church with free-will donations greatly appreciated. Attendees are invited to enjoy light refresh-

ments at the social hour immediately following the performance. For more information, please visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/> or <https://brandenburgandbeyond.com>.

Experience New England

The Friends of the Leach Library will hold an "Experience New England" raffle to raise funds for future programming. Tickets are 20 for \$5 and may be purchased at the library. Visit the library between Oct. 14 and Nov. 1 to see the amazing prizes donated by local residents and businesses. Winners will be drawn on Nov. 3 and notified by telephone or email. For more information, contact friendsofleachlibrary@gmail.com.

Fire Department Open House

Join the Londonderry Fire Department for an Open House filled with demonstrations, activities, and fun on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 26) At 9 a.m., Sensory-Friendly Time; 11 a.m., K9 Demo & Fire Prevention; Noon House Fire Demonstration; 1 p.m., Vehicle Extraction Demo.

High Holy Days

The members of Etz Hayim Synagogue will gather together to reflect, pray and to seek forgiveness from Sept. 12 - Oct 14. High Holy Day services will be led by guest Rabbi Jonathan Biatch. Join us for any and all services. Tickets are not required, and there is no reserved seating. All are welcome! Please visit www.etzhayim.org/pray/holiday-services for the complete schedule of services.

Veteran's Day Field Of Flags

The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Molly Reid Chapter is supporting Veterans Day with the Fields of flags project that, honors Veterans. When you donate \$5 for each flag with identification Honoring your Veteran. This donation will be distributed to help support our chapter work and for non-profits and events that match the three areas of our DAR mission of Historic Preservation, Education (Londonderry & Pinkerton High School) and Patriotism (NH Veterans). If you have any other

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Sept. 29

2:30 a.m. Alertus Test conducted at the Londonderry Police Department

11:09 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Gary Drive.

2:15 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on King Richard Drive.

2:16 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at FW Webb Warehouse on Webb Drive.

3:05 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Midridge Circle.

3:19 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on King Richard Drive.

3:34 p.m. Officers keep the peace on South Road.

6:22 p.m. Disturbance at Walgreen Drug Store, on Nashua Road, investigated by three officers.

8:16 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

10:04 p.m. Disturbance on Winding Pond Road investigated by five officers.

Tuesday - Sept. 30

9:10 a.m. Alertus Test conducted at Londonderry High School.

9:30 a.m. Alertus Test conducted at Londonderry North School.

11:49 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency on Gordon Drive.

11:58 a.m. Identity Theft investigated on Robin Hood Drive.

4:12 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:08 p.m. Three officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Woodbine Drive. Transported to a Hospital.

8:44 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint on Planeview Drive leads to an arrest made by five officers. Davi Leandro Ver-

ciano, 19, of Manchester, charged with: Reckless Operation; and Criminal Mischief

Wednesday - Oct. 1

12:22 a.m. Welfare Check conducted at Home Depot, on Nashua Road.

1:18 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Stonehenge Road.

2:29 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers at the 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

2:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road, at Mammoth Road, leads to an arrest. Robyn Emmanuel Hasset Urbaz, 28, of Haverhill, MA, charged with Reckless Operation.

5 p.m. Three officers investigated a motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road, at Brownell Insurance, and charge Leann Baldock, 47, of Londonderry with Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

8:57 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Thursday - Oct. 2

12:57 a.m. Officers respond to an Auto Fire on Harvey Road.

1:22 a.m. Domestic Disturbance on Prairie Lane leads to two arrests made by four officers. Benjamin Kasper, 20, of Londonderry, charged with: Unlawful Possession/intoxication; Possession/Use of Tobacco Product by a Minor; and two counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact). Sarah Spaulding, 18, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Transporting Alcoholic Beverages by a Minor; and Unlawful Possession and Intoxication.

5 a.m. Four officers re-

spond to a Disturbance reported at the Park & Ride North, on Symmes Drive.

10:46 a.m. Services rendered by four officers for Suspicious Activity reported at the Nashua Road Mobil.

12:16 p.m. Trespassing reported on St. Charles Street.

1:01 p.m. Six officers assist the Manchester Police Department with services on Kimball Road.

4:18 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud arrest made at Citizen's Bank on Nashua Road. Four officers charge Jason Sampson, 59, of Haverhill, MA, with: Forgery of a Government Instrument; and Theft by Deception of over \$1,501.

6:23 p.m. Animal Control responds to a Dog Bite reported on Adams

Around Town

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questions, please email Darmollyreid@yahoo.com or call Veterans Field of Flags Organizer, Judy Glen 239-948-9427.

Drop-In Tech Help

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Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on Nov. 5, 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.

Road.

8:43 p.m. Trespassing on St. Charles Street leads to an arrest made by five officers. William Mejia-Delisle, 32, of Manchester, charged with Criminal Trespass.

Friday - Oct. 3

9:32 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, at Young Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Tyvon Watson, 28, of Chester, charged with: having an Unofficial Inspection/Registration Decal; Unregistered Vehicle; Uninspected Vehicle; and Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

2:28 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Capitol Hill Drive.

2:29 p.m. Identity Theft investigated on Bear Meadow Road.

3:59 p.m. A motor vehicle stop made on Nashua Road, at High Range Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Thomas Ludwig, 30, of Londonderry, charged

with: Criminal Mischief; Resisting Arrest/Detention; and Breach of Bail.

8:42 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance reported on Mohawk Drive.

9:44 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers on Mammoth Road, at Mountain Home Road.

Saturday - Oct. 4

1:04 a.m. A motor vehicle stop made on Rockingham Road, at the Route 93 Ramp leads to an arrest. Deborah Boda, 65, of Manchester, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

11:39 a.m. Complaint made at the MacGregor Cut Apartments leads to an arrest made by three officers. Katie Lessard, 43, of Derry, charged with: Disorderly Conduct; and two counts of Resisting Arrest/Detention.

8:17 p.m. Welfare Check conducted at the MacGregor Cut Apartments.

Sunday - Oct. 5

12:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road, at Parmenter Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Seth Holt, 27, of Hudson, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

12:44 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on South Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Derek Howanski, 23, of Windham, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

8:36 a.m. A Domestic Disturbance reported on Elwood Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Anthony Mondello, 42, of Londonderry, charged with four counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact).

7:24 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for Suspicious Activity on Gilcreast Road.

7:40 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Otterson Road.

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Overeaters Anonymous

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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)

Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows up to three lines of text with 15 characters per line, making it a meaningful way to honor a veteran,

loved one, organization, or group. Pricing: 1 Brick: \$125, 2 Bricks: \$225, 3 Bricks: \$300, Each Additional Brick: \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout, along with the order form, are attached. For more information, email salpost27@gmail.com.

Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces Free community child find program for all residents ages two 1/2 yrs (2.5) through five yrs., 11 months (5.11) of age who are suspected of have developmental concerns child find will be held at: Moose Hill School 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry.



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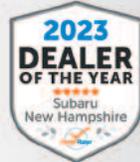
For the FY Ended June 30, 2025 - Kara Poirier \$31,164; Michelle Mead \$31,164; Erin Tilley \$31,164

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