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Painted Spell

First grade student Emmaline Binette paints a rainbow pumpkin on Saturday during the Harvest Festival at North Elementary School. This was the first time the school held the event and it featured lots of fun for families. See more photos page 2.

Photo by Chris Paul

Old Home Day Reorganization Discussed by Town Council

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A discussion of Old Home Day Committee's reorganization took place during the Monday, Oct. 28, Londonderry Town Council meeting. The Council addressed the Old Home Day

Committee issue 11 days after the committee meeting (its first since the summer's celebration), where longtime chairperson Kathy Wagner announced her resignation from the position. A report, published in this newspaper on Aug. 8, exposed several prob-

lems and raised questions regarding the ways the committee operated. The two main issues were the financial records and the meeting minutes. Both can be seen as part of the transparency that is requested from a town committee.

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Water Study Raises Concerns at Town Council Meeting

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council had a lengthy discussion on its Monday, Oct. 28, meeting regarding the Water Quality Survey that was prepared by Nobis Engineering and received by the town on Oct. 25.

Steve Cotton, the town's Administrative Support Coordinator said that after three rounds of mailings, the town received 32 approvals for private wells to be tested, and in addition, picked 13 surface water locations around town for testing (along Beaver Brook, Little Cohas Brook, Shields Brook, Watts Brook, Nesenkeag Brook, Cohas

Brook, Moose Hill Pond outlet, and Scobie Pond outlet). The town worked in collaboration with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and received from the department additional funding for this project.

Cotton said that out of the 32 private wells that were sampled by the Nobis technicians, in 13 the PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic acid) was reported above the new standard of 12 parts per trillion (PPT). The highest number found was in a well on Litchfield Road, 41.

Following Cotton's presentation of the study, ten residents approached the council to discuss the water con-

tamination problem. Kevin Whitley, of 7 Rolling Ridge, said, "I was glad I opted to get into the testing that they offered, and I'm slightly sick to my stomach to see that I'm number two on the list. I really don't know what to say, to be honest." The well on his property had 40 parts per trillion when tested.

He followed by saying, "There is nothing to go back on, you said, am I correct." Referring to historical data on the testing.

Jeff Marts of DES responded that if he had gone back five years on testing results, none of the compounds would have registered. "The technology then was not

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Local Realtor Tells School to Start Spending For Space

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The Londonderry School Board was approached in its Tuesday (Oct. 22) meeting by Londonderry long-time resident Tony DeFrancesco regarding a "Call of Action" that centered "around the future of the Londonderry School District, planning and preparation for the future, concerning development, building and land", per DeFrancesco.

"We've had a lot of recent discussion about expansion of schools, portable classrooms,

additions, kindergartens, new schools, etc.", said DeFrancesco, who also mentioned he sits on the town's Facilities Committee. He added that there is a lack of space, both in buildings and in land: "Much of what you now own as a School District is inadequate in the amount of space that it has for the building that's on it, and the development of it is nearly impossible or cost prohibitive."

For these reasons, said DeFrancesco, he is suggesting that the School Board figure out a way to have on the March

2020 ballot an article that includes the possibility of land acquisition. DeFrancesco told the School Board members that he works as a realtor: "In my opinion, the future of the district will be decided by our actions, your actions now, regarding real estate

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North School Holds Harvest Festival with Trunk or Treat



North Elementary School held its first ever Harvest Festival sponsored by the PTA on Saturday and invited families to come and enjoy the many activities set up around the school. Each class decorated a Scarecrow last week and had the set up in front of the school. A number of parents and students decorated car trunks for some "trunk or treat" fun. There were also food and ice cream trucks, pumpkin painting, games and voting for the favorite North School Scarecrow.

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Results of Full Day Kindergarten Surveys Presented to School Board

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Londonderry's Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dan Black, presented during Tuesday's (Oct. 22) School Board meeting a summary of Full Day Kindergarten Moose Hill Surveys.

The surveys were made in June (around the end of year celebrations) and October (at the Open House nights) with two different groups of parents who have students at Moose Hill and the goal was to gather feedback on the Full Day Kindergarten

possibility and better understand how the community feels about this program.

The anonymous surveys had a total of 500 responders, 244 in June and 256 in October. 86 families took the survey both in June and in October (about 34 percent of the October responders).

The first question was "If Full Day Kindergarten had been an option for your current child at Moose Hill, would you have been in favor of sending your child to a full day program at Moose Hill?" over 80 percent of

the responders, both in June and in October, answered that they were in favor. Only approximately a sixth of the responders were against it.

The second question regarded the community costs of Full Day Kindergarten program. Currently, according to the School District, there is no available space for this program and building classrooms and space would require an approximate \$9 million investment at the Moose Hill building and about \$750,000 in net yearly additional costs for staff and supplies. That would be an additional \$0.48 rate increase in the local tax rate. Over three quarters of the June responders and nearly three quarters of the October responders again answered they were in favor of the pro-

gram, knowing the building and annual operating costs. Of the respondents 17% (June) and 19% (October) were against and the rest had no opinion.

In the third question, which was a follow up to the second, parents with Pre-School aged children were asked: "If you have preschool aged children now, as a taxpayer and parent, would you support the Londonderry School District pursuing a Full Day Kindergarten program knowing both the building and annual operating costs involved?"

Of the parents who responded in June and had Pre-School aged children, about 80 percent were in favor. In October, that number slightly dropped, but about three quarters of the responders, with Pre-School

aged children, were still in favor.

The District has been exploring several Full Day Kindergarten options, including one that would see families paying tuition for students to remain at Moose Hill, beyond the half-day program. The District estimates the cost of this at about \$6,000 for the year for a family (around \$150 a week). Here, nearly half of the responders in June and October answered they were against this option, of sending their kids to the tuition based Full Day Kindergarten. About 40 percent were in favor and the answer for this remained extremely divided.

The follow-up question (question 5) was: "If you have preschool aged children now, would you be in favor of having your child attend a Full Day

Kindergarten program paying tuition for the additional half-day?" and again, about half of the responders with preschool aged children were against and about 40 percent of the relevant responders said they are in favor.

The final question was about another option, Full Day Kindergarten in the town's elementary schools. The District said that there would be at least similar costs in increased staffing and building costs to this project, compared to the Moose Hill additions. About 70 percent of responders answered they are in favor of this option, with a little over 20 percent being against it, making this possibility, at least when looking at the survey results, much more favorable.

OBITUARY

Barry W. O'Connell



Barry W. O'Connell, born July 31, 1961, died peacefully on Oct. 23, 2019 at the age of 58 after a long battle with cancer.

Barry was high on life and had the most amazing easy-going attitude. His cancer diagnosis never, NOT FOR ONE DAY, lowered his spirits. His family and friends will remember him for his passion for the music of John Lennon and The Beatles, and his irrepressible love of life.

Barry was part of the Londonderry High School class of 1980. Barry worked in Florida for Outback for many years, developing a love for cooking. He also loved gardening, planting flowers for all to enjoy. He loved fishing and being outside, in the mountains or at the beach, as well as hanging with friends watching Boston Sports, especially the Red Sox and Patriots. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Barry is survived by his father Alfred O'Connell and Alfred's partner Irene St. Germain, brothers and sisters Kellie Cadieux, Mark O'Connell, Brian O'Connell, Bridget Edson and her husband Patrick, Patrick O'Connell and his wife April, sister-in-law Heidi O'Connell, niece Shauna O'Connell, nephews Kevin O'Connell, Nick Cadieux, and Trevor Hanson, and great-nephew Parker Hanson.

Barry was predeceased by his mother Marianne O'Connell and brother Sean O'Connell.

A celebration of Barry's life is scheduled for 1-4 pm on Nov. 2 at the Puritan Conference Center, Manchester, NH. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH 03054, which the family would like to thank for their care.

Londonderry Fire Department Responds to Automobile Accident and Other Emergencies

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A car accident that occurred in Londonderry on Saturday (Oct. 26) left one person injured. The four on duty firefighters, members of Battalion 3, staffing Engine 2 and Medic 3 of the Londonderry Fire Department, responded that afternoon from station 2 to the accident scene at the intersection of Mammoth Rd. and Woodland Dr.

The companies responding found a Sedan that rear-ended an SUV. Severe damage was caused to the Sedan and one patient was transported from the scene of

the crash to a local emergency department, suffering from minor injuries. According to the Fire Department, Engine 2 remained on scene, mitigating hazards.

Just a few hours later, the Fire Department's hands were full again, after four requests for medical aid were received in a span of only 24 minutes. That led to 10 of the 11 on duty members of Battalion 3 to respond. Medic 3 and Medic 4 transported patients to local emergency rooms, while Engine 1, Engine 2, Medic 1 and even a Derry



Medic company addressed the other two emergencies in town.

That situation left only one member of Battalion 3 available to respond to

another emergency – the Battalion Chief, and a staffing recall of off duty members, to report to Central Station, was requested.



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Editorial

Nothing to Hide

When people volunteer for public service, whether it's to run for elected office or to seek appointment to town boards and commissions, they've signaled their commitment to do what's best for the greater good - the entire community.

And just as we all have personal reasons for making such a decision, we also have biases that we bring to those posts, along with our experience and expertise.

With that said, the only way to conduct the public's business in as bias-free a manner as possible is to be as transparent as possible. That means business must take place in public session.

There's no way to force residents to pay attention to public meetings, even with the ease of watching them on public access TV in the privacy of their homes. But whether or not anyone is watching, elected, hired and appointed officials have to conduct their business in the public eye. Documents should be easy to find and view not to have to take a day off to go to town hall to view them they should be on line for all to see not just news ones but archived ones as well.

We're not talking about decisions - those are made in public session. But the background leading to those decisions, the conversations and debates, the questions and the arguments, are rarely part of what the public gets to see, the how they got to their decision.

Ethics is defined as a system of moral principles and rules of conduct. Meeting in small groups so as not to

invoke a quorum may technically not violate the law, but it smells of circumventing the law. So is that ethical?

Ethics is the core element to local government and its management. Accountability is an important part of any organization, but it's especially important in local government. Governments must responsibly use their resources to provide services that meet the needs of constituents. Local governments answer to state and federal laws and guidelines for effective operations. But most of all, they answer to the people they serve the taxpayers for it is there town there money.

Ultimately, government accountability is about maintaining the trust between government officials and citizens. For local governments, core values such as integrity, equality, and transparency should provide the foundation for every decision and policy. Citizens should be able to see how the government is spending their tax money, what services the government is providing, and how government officials are working to improve the community.

In public life, appearances count. When residents don't know what their representatives are up to, they listen to rumors and conspiracy theories and finally end up distrusting the decision makers.

We're all adults here. The public's business should be conducted in public. Keep us informed of what you're doing, every step of the way. We shouldn't have to worry that our officials have something to hide.

Water

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very sensitive."

Whitley also wondered if the testing on his well would be done again.

The state representative responded that there would be more testing within the test area, but most of the testing would be done in Litchfield, closer to Saint Gobain.

Council Tom Dolan pointed out that the maps in the study were for both Drinking Water and Surface Water.

The study concluded that overall, low level PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) impact was found throughout the town, but higher concentrations are evident within the town in proximity to the Litchfield town boundary. Therefore, some PFAS impacts may be attributable to the Saint Gobain facility operations in Merrimack.

The study had three recommendations: The town should continue with a periodic (5-year) sampling program to monitor overall water quality and compile a comparable database of water quality; follow up PFAS sampling at those residences with elevated PFOA results may be warranted. A discussion of results and potential for long term health effects should be completed with impacted residents. In some, if not all cases, these tasks may be the responsibility of NHDES or Saint Gob-

ain; and further research/study of arsenic impacts on town bedrock water resources may be warranted. A better understanding of distribution and magnitude of arsenic occurrence could assist to direct prioritization of future water infrastructure planning by the Town.

Resident Ray Breslin asked if there will be any testing on the Superfund sites in the town of Londonderry, and whether PFOA and PFOS's have been detected in those.

John Farrell responded that testing is currently being done by the Department of Environmental Services, and that's an on-going piece, "I don't know the answer to your question, but I know it's an on-going piece."

Marts responded by saying that in most cases the sites are being tested by the state, and the areas are retaining those materials.

Breslin added, "This is a very serious problem and the public needs to realize that the testing of water is extremely important." He later spoke directly to Jeff Marts, the Project Manager of the Saint Gobain Site Investigation and said, regarding the contaminating materials: "When it's in your body, it's not going away. Probably all of us have it in our blood. A little bit, probably not going to kill us. But this is about the young people."

Marts said that the bottled water has been tested, in blind testing.

He said that he is aware of the fact that some people in Londonderry use bottled water, because of the contamination and that they pulled bottles out of home deliveries and checked them to make sure it did not have the same problems: "It is ok. It's not the stuff from Massachusetts that had a problem", he said.

There was also a concern voiced that these contaminants were airborne, and able to get into large bodies of water such as the Merrimack and Lake Massabesec.

Marts noted that the studies that have been done show very small amounts are entering water bodies by air.

Paul Ambler, of Tokanel Drive asked two questions, How do we know what the Benefits are of the new testing standards, and what are the long-term solutions for providing the new standards to municipal areas.

Marts directed Ambler to www.des.nh.gov to find the answers to those questions. He also stated that every material detected, there is a different test being done.

After the public's input, the Town Council decided to instruct the town staff to engage with the town's legal counsel, to find out what the rights of the citizens are, and to what extent the town can work with the law to protect everybody.

The Water Quality Study has been posted on the town website at: www.londonderrynh.org

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Budget Committee Gets Presentation on Keno at Meeting

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The most dramatic result at the March 2019 Londonderry Town elections was the

vote against Article 27, concerning the legal citizens petition for allowing Keno Gambling in Londonderry.

After the unofficial

results were posted on election night (Mar. 12), it appeared that the article had passed by eight votes, making Keno legal in town. However, a couple of days later, it was announced that a polling error was corrected during the certification process conducted by Town Moderator Tom Freda and that the article failed by 32 votes, 1,349 to 1,317. A recount was requested and confirmed the official results.

Now, with the 2020 Town Election getting closer, Keno is back on the agenda and two representatives of the town's American Legion Post 27 appeared in front of the Budget Committee during last Thursday's (Oct. 24) meeting, to discuss their position. The committee voted unanimously, 5-0, against the article before the 2019 elections.

Bob Stewart, the Post 27 commander and Trish Reilly, President of the Auxiliary told the committee members they wish to see Keno legalized in Londonderry and added to the American Legion building. Commit-

tee member Kirsten Hildonen said that prior to the last election, she was concerned that the voters would think that the profits from Keno would go into the town, and then be frustrated when their taxes did not go down. However, if there is a tangible financial benefit for the town, she will gladly reconsider her position. She thanked Stewart and Reilly for attending the meeting to talk about the situation.

Hildonen also admitted that the committee members did not know until the deliberative that a non-profit in town is one of the organizations that will be benefiting from Keno. She said that the voting time structure for the committee was strange before the elections, as the Town Council voted on the article (which was added very late in the process) and the committee had to make a decision early next morning and did not have time to really look into it. "I think you make a good argument", said Hildonen to Stewart.

Budget Committee Chairman, Tim Siekmann, added that they had about 20 minutes to make a decision in March and that in this scenarios, the committee tends to take a more conservative approach and vote against things that they do not fully understand.

Stewart said he understood this approach: "We didn't think anyone would be against it last year", he admitted. "I should have come to you in advance. We were ignorant to how the town works." He said that this is the reason he wanted to talk to the Budget Committee early this time and educate the members about Keno. "We were so close and I knew that if I come in and talk, it can change", he said.

According to Stewart, allowing the installation of Keno machines would not cost the town any money and the town

would also not be gaining any money from it, but it will benefit a non-profit organization like Post 27, who is involved in many charity events around town, such as helping veterans or preparing and handing food baskets at the high school for Thanksgiving, for example.

Stewart also told the committee members that similar American Legion posts in the area (the Londonderry one has about 550 members) are making approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 every year from Keno. "It's not going to really bother anybody. It doesn't cost the taxpayers anything", he said, adding that the Stumble Inn would also like to install a machine if the article passes this time: "If they are a stronger business because they have Keno, it's good for the town. Maybe they'll hire someone from the town."

OBITUARY

Janice Louise Mary Mathews



Janice Louise Mary (Malames) Mathews, 78, of Derry, NH, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, in Parkland Medical Center, Derry from a prolonged illness. She received communion and last rites on Oct. 25 at Parkland. Janice was born in Boston, MA on Oct. 19, 1941, the daughter of Nicholas J. and Lucille (Chausse) Malames. She grew up in Brighton, MA and graduated from Saint Columbkille's High School in 1961. She attended Boston College.

She began work at US Steel and then with Honeywell, Inc. She married Gary Scott Mathews on June 12, 1972. In Aug. of 1972, they moved to their present residence in Derry. She gave birth to their son, James Malames Mathews, on Aug. 26, 1972.

She began her career in Derry with her own business, Jan's Silk and Dry Flowers and did the flowers for a contestant in the Miss NH Teenager Pageant. Later she worked at Gibbs at the older station at Hood Plaza in Derry as Manager. She was later promoted to Assistant Regional Manager and managed Gibbs's largest station in Wilmington, MA until failing health forced her into an early retirement.

She was active in the Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry and was a member of the Church's knitting circle. She was also active in Cub Scout Pack 141 in Derry.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Scott Mathews; son, James Malames Mathews; granddaughter, Madison Olivia Mathews; two sisters Diane Murphy and Francis Gorman; brother-in-law Kenneth Gorman, and her sister-in-law, Eileen Malames.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, Nov. 4, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, that donations in Janice's name be sent to the Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, 3 Moody St., Derry, NH 03038. Friends and family will remember her in their prayers. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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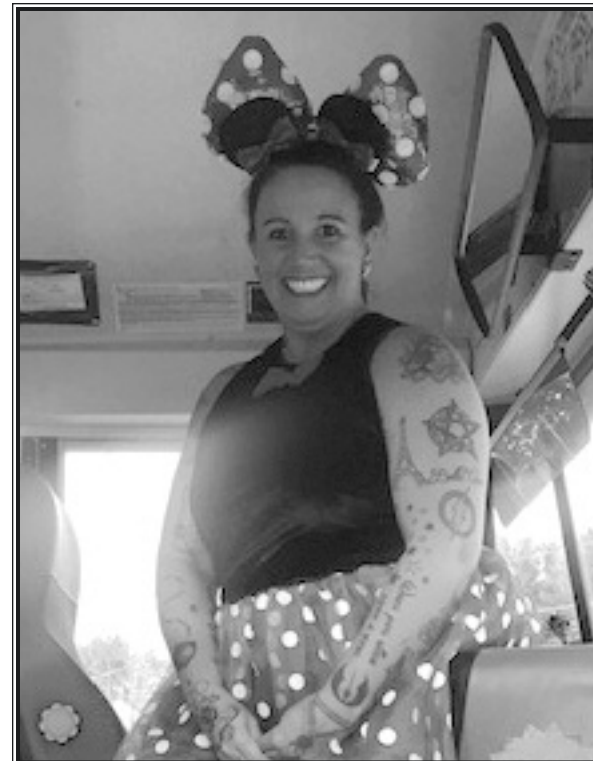
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22 for 22 South School bus driver Tina Moulton drives Bus #22 and she has been wearing a different costume every school day since Oct. 1. As it works out, she will have wore 22 outfits this year celebrating Halloween. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Old Home Day

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While working on our report, the town became aware (and shared with us) of a 2001 Resolution (#2001-05) that set several rules and guidelines that the current form of the committee failed to follow. The main one was that the committee should be led by a town employee. The original employee that indeed was

leading the committee back than was the town's Administrative Services Director (Troy Brown), but when his position ceased to exist, no one replaced him and the committee remained independent and not supervised the way the resolution meant it to be.

At the Town Council meeting, Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik said the a couple of months ago, Wagner approached

Town Manager Kevin Smith to indicate that she and several other committee members are ready to step down after over 20 years in the committee, and transition it to the next phase, whatever that phase may be. When Wagner announced her resignation on Oct. 17, she said she would stay for another year to help with that transition.

Drabik mentioned the existing resolution that establishes the Old Home Day Committee as a volunteer-led committee, under the auspices of the town. She asked for the Town Council to consider a new resolution, which would specify the parameters of how Old Home Day Committee would function going forward and said that no resolution was drafted yet,

since she wanted to first hear from the council members about the way they wish to go forward with this matter.

Drabik added that the staff recommendation is for a multiyear transition, where the town's staff will be in charge of recruiting and training new volunteers, who will take over the committee with some town oversight through the Finance Department.

The Town Director of Finance and Administration, Justin Campo, answered Town Council Chair John Farrell' question and said that the current balance for Old Home Day Committee stands at around \$23,000. Campo said that Wagner did a good job in balancing between the incomes and expenditures every year and that the council

funds \$10,150 from Old Home Day celebration and also pay for the fireworks through the Fire Department (this year's fireworks cost \$21,000, since there was money left from cancelations in previous years).

After Farrell said that the council's position is to probably put the committee under the hospice of the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager, two residents approached the council and provided a different opinion. State Representative Betsey McKinney, who said she was the treasurer for the Chamber of Commerce when they took over Old Home Day many years ago, and she believes it is time for something different for the committee, but that she does not know if putting a town employee

as chairman would be a good idea. She explained her position by saying that this should be a volunteer committee and that there is no sense in a town employee, whose salary comes from taxpayers, spending his work time on the Old Home Day Committee.

Bob Ramsey, the town's Traffic Safety Committee chair, said he was one of the last presidents of the Chamber of Commerce added that he also thinks the chairman should be a volunteer position.

In the end, the Town Council decided to have a second Public Hearing on the subject, during its next meeting, where a few options will be presented and another discussion will take place.

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New Londonderry Tax Rate Revealed at Town Council Meeting

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Town Council meeting on Monday night, Oct. 28, the Londonderry Finance Director, Justin Campo told the Council that the latest tax rate had been received from the state, and that rate was announced as \$19.39 per thousand. This is down from the rate of \$21.80 last year.

Town Council Chair John Farrell made sure to mention that although the tax rate is down it does not mean that taxes will go down.

He also said, "As reported by another entity of town government here in town, that taxes would be going down \$400

to \$500 a year. That was an inaccurate statement."

Farrell further explained that due to the town's revaluation that was recently done, in some cases houses have increased in value between 10 and 20 percent.

He then said that Commercial Property values did not increase, therefore shifting the burden more onto the residential side.

Campo further explained that on a \$300,000 home with an increased value of 17 percent, residents would be looking at a \$266 a year increase. At a 15 percent increase, the taxes would go up \$150.

Farrell interjected, "In some cases it would remain flat."

With Campo respond-

ing that if the value of the home increased 10 percent, taxes would remain about the same.

Campo then corrected his earlier numbers saying that a 17 percent increase would mean a \$77 tax increase.

Farrell mentioned that the tax bills would be mailed out on Nov. 1.

After the announcement, one resident, Paul Ambler, of Tokanel Drive called for more transparency in how ballot questions are presented to the voters, suggesting that the numbers being talked about on the ballot, are adjusted later with revaluation.

The council then went into a long dissertation on how the Unanticipated

Fund Balance (UFB) works. Saying that revenue generated by the town throughout the year is sometimes put into this fund and then used on infrastructure projects, which doesn't effect peoples taxes.

Farrell explained that when you see a dollar amount on the ballot, it will increase taxes, if it's zero, it will be coming out of that UFB fund.

Amber was still not convinced that the numbers weren't being somehow manipulated.

Until Campo explained that there is no way of knowing how much people would be paying until the tax rate is known for certain and the property values are known.

Farrell ended the discussion by saying, "The good news is that on Saturday we're having a budget workshop, and the direction we are taking is to ask for fewer warrant article."

OBITUARY

Lawrence Anthony Rose Jr.



Lawrence "Larry" Anthony Rose Jr., 73, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully Monday Oct. 28, 2019, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Stoneham, MA on June 19, 1946, a son of the late Ethel (Green) and Lawrence A. Rose Sr. Larry was educated in the Wakefield, MA school system where he spent most of his childhood years and was most recently a resident of Londonderry since 1981. He worked for several companies over the years, but his greatest pride was in running his own business, "Universal Images" for over 21 years. Larry was known for his quick-wit, his love of his Mustangs, and being a Broncos fan. He also enjoyed in depth car conversations, spending time with his friends, and his greatest love was being with his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Kim (Westbrook) Rose of Londonderry, a son, Brandon Rose and his wife Fallyn of Londonderry, a daughter, Britney Rose, of Londonderry, his pride and joy grandson Connor, one sister, Dianne Roberto and husband William of Jefferson, MA, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one sister Marie Smelstor.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 1, from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will follow in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01710, Earmarked for Pancreatic Cancer research. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

School

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in the future. You have needs, you know you have needs."

He explained that he believes the School Board must think today about four or five years down the road and that there is a lot of land for sale that is not on the market, especially on larger parcels and that some of this land could be a "no-brainer" for the School District, in case there is indeed a decision to purchase land. DeFrancesco also offered his help with the process.

He continued his 10-minute presentation by emphasizing the time it takes between a land acquisition and occupancy, which is why, to his eyes, the process needs

to begin now. "Owning land is never a bad thing", said DeFrancesco. "The problem in Southern New Hampshire is that there isn't a lot of land available. So a lot of that land will have a building on it, a commercial building probably."

He went on to say that that would not necessarily be a negative thing, because while the process is enforced, the District could collect rent and have some money for development in a few years. "I was told by a Superintendent in the past that the school district doesn't want to be in the rental business. I would argue that you already are", said DeFrancesco, and gave as an example a variety of programs such as YMCA, church groups, driver

education and more, who operate in the District's facilities.

"We know based on the facility committee that the land behind the high school and at Moose Hill is very expensive land to develop", said DeFrancesco. That land has ledge and a drop off and it will cost a lot of money to fix it. "It's not easy for a municipality to buy land, buildings, or anything, because of the process", he added. Should the District indeed decide they wish to buy land, they will have to negotiate and then go to the voters and this process could take several months. However,

DeFrancesco said that to his knowledge, there are tax incentives for landowners who sell to municipalities.

He urged the board to take action, since prices are not going to go down and the longer it takes to make a decision, the bigger the problem will get. "I'm asking you as a board - please plan and prepare", concluded DeFrancesco. "As a local School Board, your job is to solve problems. This is a problem. It has been identified and talked about for several years, buying land will help solve some future problems and maybe some that we don't know about yet."

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Don't Let Invasive Insects Bug Your Family This Fall

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The end of summer means the end of worrying about insects in the minds of many people, as the temperatures go down and the majority of them retreat into hiding. But the reality is, it's not over yet.

In his article, Seasonal Insect Invaders in New Hampshire Homes, UNH Extension Specialist of Entomology, Dr. Alan T. Eaton lists local species that infiltrate homes in the Granite State around this time of year.

In the fall, the Boxelder Bug, Brown Marmorated Stinkbug, Cluster Fly, Asian Ladybug, Spotted Ladybug, and Western Conifer Seed Bug can be seen creeping around homes. According to Dr. Eaton, these species do not attack people or pets, stored foods, home structure, or furnishings, so they are more a general

nuisance than a threat.

Of course these aren't the only insects that can be seen trying to make a house their home. Depending on what environment a home is, it may see different creatures of the creeping variety, including spiders, ants, etc.

While most of these insects are more or less harmless, they can be unpleasant to have in the home. But they can be just as easy to get rid of and even easier to prevent.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, insects can get into a home through loose siding, cracks, crevices, vents, holes in screens, or any teeny, tiny opening between a home and the outside world. As temperatures cool, insects will seek shelter in the warmth of a vulnerable home, and any food found throughout will keep them there.

To keep these unwanted and imposing guests out, seal cracks in doors, windows, and openings where air conditioners, plumbing, phone and television wires enter the home with weather stripping, caulking, polyurethane foam or other materials if necessary.

Be sure to keep doors and windows shut tightly, and that window screens are tightly shut and in proper shape without holes.

While some of these critters make their way in through openings in the home, some stowaway on logs of firewood, in the mail, and even on loose clothing. Carefully examining anything brought in from the outdoors before it is placed back inside is a wise measure to take in preventing insects from coming inside.

Keeping kitchens and other areas of the house clear of food debris is perhaps the best measure to take next to sealing insect entryways shut. Moving furniture and appliances and cleaning out trash barrels and dust pans will also help to keep bugs at bay that may be desperate for that last bit of food residue.

If the insects have already found their way indoors, the Farmer's Almanac offers a few solutions to get rid of

them.

Should a stink bug make its way across the wall, it can be brushed into a bowl of water and dish detergent, which may also help eliminate odor, says the Almanac. A bowl of water with dish detergent and apple cider vinegar or fruit peel is helpful with trapping fruit flies.

Invasive insects can be vacuumed away, but vacuum bags should be emptied immediately to prevent the insects from escaping, thereby reappearing inside the home.

Many people who find themselves with insects opt to use some sort of repellent or pesticide to kill insects and keep them away. The UNH Extension does not recommend spraying insecticides for common seasonal invaders, as most insecticides can be harmful to people and pets.

That being said, should this measure be taken for any reason, UNH Extension advises those who go this route to first make sure that the pesticide is safe for home use and that it is specifically formulated for the pest intended to control.

As the thermostats make their way up at home, residents of New Hampshire need not let any arthropod invaders bug them. Families can enjoy their cozy fall

nights in peace thanks to on seasonal insect an ounce of awareness. invaders, visit www.extension.unh.edu. For more information

OBITUARY

Richard George Stebbins



Richard George Stebbins, 93, of Bedford, NH, passed away Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 at the Arbors of Bedford in New Hampshire. He was born in Batavia, IL on Nov. 4, 1925, a son of the late Lucille (Carlson) Stebbins and his stepfather, James Rush. Richard proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the 4th Marine Division, United States Marine Corps. After completing training at Camp Pendleton, CA, during which he met his future wife (Evelyn Evans Stebbins), he shipped overseas to fight & was wounded during the Battle of Iwo Jima, earning him the distinguished Purple Heart. After rehabbing in Hawaii he returned to the mainland where he & Evelyn would marry in 1947 at the Mission Inn in Riverside, CA. They then returned to Galesburg, IL where Richard would attend & graduate from Knox College, earning his bachelor's degree in 1951. He later obtained a Master's degree in Business.

Richard spent almost his entire professional career in the banking business, the last 25 years with Manufacturers Bank in Los Angeles, CA. While in L.A. he was actively involved with several charitable organizations, including Lions Club International & the Lark Ellen Home for Boys. In the mid 1970's he also attended the Full Gospel Businessmen's Association in LA. Richard was an avid golfer and sports fan, & he also enjoyed many bridge games and evenings with his wife and friends. He was also an accomplished host and bartender, as attested to by anyone who visited their home.

Richard was a devoted father who supported his two sons wholeheartedly. He would attend every one of their Little League games & swim meets, the latter even though he could not swim himself despite his oldest son's efforts to teach him. Richard retired in 1988 and achieved his dream of living on a golf course in La Quinta, CA. If he wasn't on the golf course, he could usually be found watching golf on TV or following the stock market on his computer. Richard & Evelyn also enjoyed taking many cruises and trips all over the world, often with their best friends of nearly 70 years, Cooper and Mary Ellen Blanton.

Richard is survived by his sons, Philip Stebbins & wife Linda of Londonderry, NH, & Timothy Stebbins & wife Leslie of San Diego, CA; 6 grandchildren, Geoffrey Stebbins & wife Jessica, Katherine Stebbins Remesch & husband Bryce, Amy Stebbins & husband Hauke, Rebecca Stebbins, Thomas Stebbins & Emma Stebbins; 3 great grandchildren (& a fourth on the way); a brother, Donald Stebbins; & 12 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Evelyn of 71 years in 2018.

Following cremation, there will be a Celebration of Life held at Orchard Christian Fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. The burial will take place in Feb. at the Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lions Club International. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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Matthew Thornton Holds Annual Fall Festival After School



Matthew Thornton Elementary School held its annual Harvest Festival last week, and this year it was combined with the Candy Crush 3K Race. After the race families were invited into the school for a book fair and a number of games and a cake walk in the school gym. See next page for more details.

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Fun Run and Fall Festival Held at Matthew Thornton School



IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Matthew Thornton Elementary School held its Candy Crush Fun Run and Fall Festival last Thursday, Oct. 24. The afternoon and evening events were combined this year, and organized the school's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

The running events started with a 5 p.m. Lollipop Dash, a one-lap run around the school's building for the younger students, first and second

graders, as well as their younger siblings.

About 20 kids participated in the Lollipop Dash, which was followed by the main Candy Crush Fun Run event, a 3K cross country run, where current and former students, as well as family members, ran from the school towards the Londonderry High School and Moose Hill area and back. Matthew Thornton's Principal, Amity Small, said that students who are now in middle school and high school came to run

and that the great weather led to a large turnout, with many families supporting and cheering: "It was very crowded out there."

During the race, volunteers were stationed throughout the course to hand out candy to runners.

Once the running was over, the kids had two options inside the school building. One was a Scholastic book fair that a volunteer from the PTA

coordinates twice every year, once in the Fall Festival and once in March. The books are sorted by levels, popular authors and more and the kids can search through them and buy, with Scholastic donating money back to the school after the fair.

Other than that, there were also games, set up around the school's gym. The games included a bowling center, digging through hay to find skeleton pieces in the Hal-

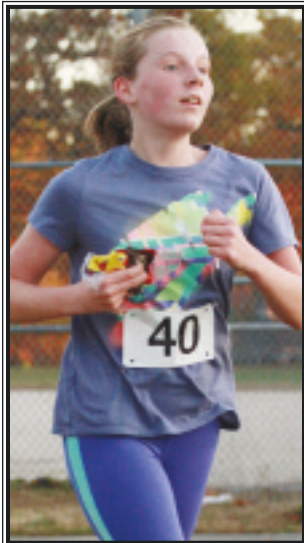
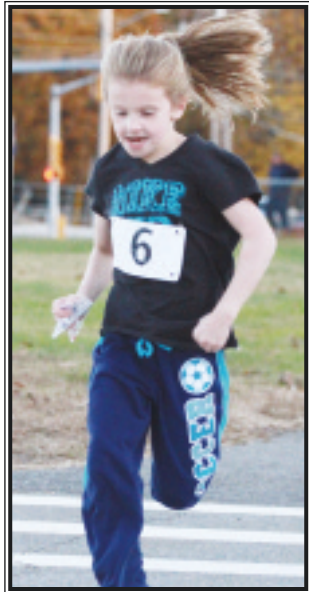
loween spirit, all kinds of relay races and a popular cupcake walk – a musical chairs game where the last person standing wins a cupcake.

Staff members set up a creative and scary walk down one of the hallways.

Paws, the school mascot, was walking around, giving the students the opportunity to take some photos and there was also a decorated hallway, made by a team of first graders, where kids could walk and enjoy various Halloween things.

The school will hold a

Halloween Parade this Thursday, Oct. 31, starting at 1:35 p.m., with the Londonderry High School band members coming over and leading Matthew Thornton's students in two laps around the building. The kids will get the chance to dress up and participate in the parade and the Halloween celebrations will continue into their classes. This way, after the parade is over they will still have about an hour to enjoy some Halloween spirit together.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancer Soccer Finishes Season with 8-0 Home Win

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After two tough matches, a loss to the undefeated Exeter and a huge comeback against Bishop Guertin in the battle for the second seed, Londonderry High School's Girls Varsity Soccer team was able to enjoy an easier season finale, beating the Merrimack High School Tomahawks on senior night by a score of 8-0 on Wednesday night, Oct. 23, to close the regular season with 15 wins and a

single loss. The team will be losing 12 of their players to graduation this year.

The Lady Lancers, have the number two seed in the NHIAA playoffs that started this week, and with a first round bye, they are waiting for their quarterfinals game against either Goffstown (#10) or Nashua South (#7) on Sunday Nov. 3 at home.

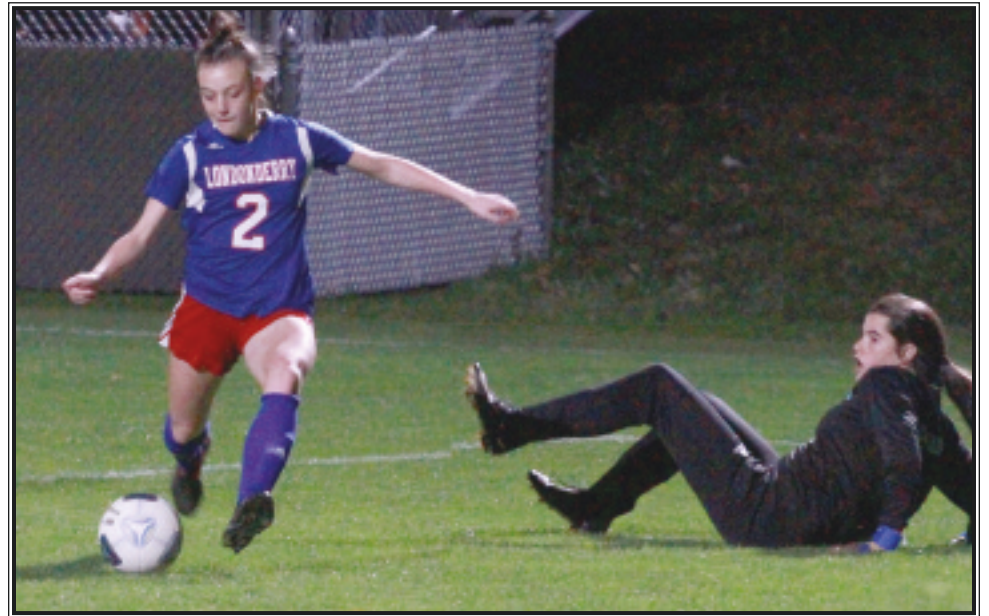
In the regular season ending game the Lady Lancers scored twice in a span of one minute in the

first half, with Alyssa Anderson striking first in the 22nd minute and Darby Dupuis doubling the lead. A goal by Gwen Barnes on a rebound in front of the net was nullified, with the referee claiming interference with the Tomahawk goalie.

After the break: Anderson scored again, in the 43rd minute and Abbie Ellis then added Londonderry's fourth goal, just a minute later.

Anderson completed her hat trick in the 52nd minute, with a beautiful move around the keeper to shoot on an open net. Mia Stowell then scored two consecutive goals (58th minute and 65th). Marissa Hyder had the last goal of the game, in the 69th minute. Olivia Stowell finished with four assists, Liv Galluzzo, Ellis and Ashley Manor had one each and Jasmine Richards made three saves and earned another shutout.

In 16 games this season, Londonderry scored 78 goals, an average of 4.87 goals per game against their opponents while only giving up nine goals. The Lady Lancers conceded three of those goals against Exeter, two against BG and just one in four other games throughout the season. They shut out their opponents 10 times.



The Merrimack goalie is left to sit and watch LHS senior Alyssa Anderson score her third goal of the game after Anderson maneuvered around the keeper at the Friday night game in Londonderry. Photos by Chris Paul



Lancer senior goalie Jasmine Richards makes one of the three saves during the Friday night game.

Olivia Stowell led the team in goals, with 22 and 14 assists. Other top scorers were Anderson with 15, Manor with 11 and Mia Stowell, who scored eight times this season. Dupuis with eight each, Ellis with seven and Kelly Calawa with five.

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Field Hockey Team Season Ends with Shutout Defeat in Quarters

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2019 fall season ended in a very disappointing fashion for Londonderry High School's Varsity Field Hockey team, after the number 4 seed lost their first playoffs game, a home quarterfinal game against the fifth seeded Concord High School, 2-0 on Friday afternoon, Oct. 25. The Lady Lancers missed out on a chance to face the eighth seeded

Merrimack girls in the semis, after the Tomahawks shocked top ranked Pinkerton Academy in another 2-0 game going on at the same time.

The first 30 minutes of the Quarter-Final Round game were fairly even, with a few chances for each team to score, but Londonderry held more possession time. In that first half, neither team was able to score.

The stalemate ended in the opening minutes of

the second half. First it was the energetic Maria Armaganian, who gave Concord the lead, just one minute and 54 seconds after the teams returned to the field. Two minutes and 20 seconds later, Armaganian assisted Erin Doherty doubled the Crimson Tide lead.

Londonderry fought hard in the final minutes, but could not score on goalie Rhyden Wheldon, who had three saves.

For the Lancers, Riley Walter made one save and was later replaced by Kathryn Martin. The tough Concord defense kept the LHS squad away from their goal, and only allowed four shots on their goalie throughout the entire game.

Londonderry head coach Nicole Treadway said after the game, "I thought we controlled a lot of the game. They scored on two back-to-back corners and we didn't capitalize on our opportunities and in the end that's what playoffs comes down to. We scrimmaged on Tuesday and it wasn't a great showing for us. I thought it might be a



Jenna Stowell makes her way down the field in the quarterfinal loss at home.

good thing for us, a reminder. I thought we came out on fire in the first half and our goalie didn't see many shots. The girls play hard and I told them they should be proud. I'm proud of them. We lost some key players last year, so I wasn't sure what this season would bring and we finished 11-3."



Chelsea Mullen, right, fights for possession during the second half of the game against Concord.



Flying High

The Londonderry High School Cheerleading teams were flying high on Sunday, Oct. 27, as they came out on top at the Hannah Bazemore Memorial Competition at Hollis Brookline High School. The Lancers Varsity and Junior Varsity teams won first place, with Varsity scoring the highest score of the day, making them Grand Champions. The competition was held in memory of Hannah Bazemore, a cheerleader at Hollis Brookline, who took her own life after being severely bullied. The Varsity Team is now preparing for the NHIAA Division I State Meet at Pinkerton Academy on Nov. 10.

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Lancer Football Squad Cruises Past Crusaders 41-0

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Anyone following this year's Division I Varsity Football season knew this was coming, and on Friday night, Oct. 26, Londonderry High School's squad sealed the deal, securing the number one seed in the upcoming playoffs, after a 41-0 victory at Manchester Memorial (1-7).

However, the undefeated Lancers still have some things to tweek if they want to break another streak this season, and win a playoff game for the first time in 18 years, because you can beat the Crusaders with a couple

of fumbles and mistakes, but you will pay a high price if this happens against the state's top Division I team, and Lancer coach Jimmy Lauzon knows that, "Our team is enjoying the challenges this year," he said after the shutout victory. "Sometimes it's hard looking past a record, but Memorial had some kids out there that played really hard and our guys needed to realize that. They needed to have a couple of penalties and turnovers to realize that Memorial will give them everything they had. And then we woke up and started playing some football."

The first offensive play of the game for the Lancers resulted in a touchdown, but the TD was called back after a penalty, and Londonderry immediately fumbled the ball. The Lancers defense, which had its second shutout in three weeks, got the ball back and nine minutes into the game, Jeff Wiedenfeld scored on a six-yard run.

Quarterback Jake McEachern started the second quarter with another rushing touchdown, from the three-yard line, and with less than five minutes to play in the first half, he found Wiedenfeld for a 49-yard completion that gave the visitors six more points. Londonderry had time for one more before the break and Tyler Kayo found the end zone on a short run. A successful two-point conversion followed and Londonderry led 28-0 at half-time.

The Lancers scored twice in the third quarter, with McEachern finding Eric Raza for a nine-yard touchdown and Raza running in from 14 yards, with 21 seconds left on the clock in the quarter. In total, the Lancers had 424 yards on offense, while the Crusader finished with only 52, including two on 25 rushing attempts. Londonderry had 47 rushing attempts and 338 yards on the ground.

McEachern completed four passes for 86 yards and a couple of touchdowns and also had a game high of 120 rushing yards and a touchdown, on 12 attempts. Wieden-



The Lancer offensive line as been has been causing fits for their opposition this year. Photo by Samantha Paul.

feld finished with 29 rushing yards and 49 receiving yards and the defense had five sacks.

"In the first half Jeff had two touchdowns, and we could have played a lot better as a whole," added Lauzon. "Our defense had a good game. I still think we have a lot to prove. We haven't won a playoff game since 2001 and that's on our minds and that's the next big focus. We would love to finish the season undefeated, but a whole new season starts after that and we really need to pull

off a playoff win. Everyone can look at us as the favorites and the team-to-beat, but we still have a long way to go. We got a great town, great support and our kids enjoy playing at home."

McEachern said after the game, "At the beginning I wasn't enjoying the

game. Our offense was sloppy, we had a bad week of practice on offense and it showed. We need to get ready for Central and Senior Night and I think we'll be ready. Just need a good week of practice. We've got to finish undefeated. That would be nice, and then in the

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 20

Matt Griffin

Junior, Cross Country

Matt had one of his best races of the season at the Division I Championship last weekend. He ran a new Personal Best on the challenging Derryfield course, 16:33 minutes and finished in 12th place.



Caitlin Boufford

Senior, Cross Country

Caitlin was the top finisher for LHS, in 13th place at the Division I Championship and has been the team's top finisher most of the latter part of the season. She is having her best season and has broken 20 minutes in a few races this year.



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Lady Lancer Volleyball Squad Ends Season with Split

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A win and a loss in the final week of the regular season brought Londonderry High School's Varsity Volleyball team's record to 4-12, and the Lady Lancers finished their season 17th out of 22 Division I teams and did not make the tournament.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, Londonderry came back from Merrimack (3-14) with a nice four-set victory. Lancer coach Matt Leonard's team took the lead after a close first set that ended 25-20 and kept the momentum going with a lopsided 25-9 in the

second set. The locals were able to stay in the game with 25-16 in the third, but Londonderry got the win after a 25-18 fourth and final set.

Anna Haas led the team with 26 service points (seven aces), 15 assists and six kills. Maddie Rankin had 17 digs, Sarah Joe finished with three blocks and three kills, Kat King had five kills and Kenzie Gagne provided six digs and five kills.

On Friday, Oct. 25, Londonderry had the toughest meeting of the season, and lost at home in straight sets to the undefeated Hollis Brookline

(18-0). The final home game had the team celebrating their senior night with the three seniors, Anna Haas, Rankin and Gagne being honored before the game. In the tough match-up LHS could not keep up with their strong rivals, who won 25-18, 25-19 and 25-16. Rankin finished her final game for the high school team with seven digs, Haas had eight service points (three aces) and 13 assists and Gagne had three kills and three digs.

Leonard spoke after the game, "We were hoping to fight for the tournament. That was our main objective. We've been

there in the last two years and this was probably the most competitive season I had in the three years I've been here. The league just got a little better this year. I'm really proud with the way they battled all season. This last game was only the third time we lost in three sets and we are one of only seven teams who can say that. 15 teams make it and unfortunately we are not one of them."

The coach also talked about his seniors, "I'm really proud of them. Maddie was a great addition to our defense, she really held down the left back position. Kenzie was the emotional leader, from day one. She's super positive, one of the loudest kids on the bench and when she gets in, she gives everything she got, every single time. Anna was a four year starter and I can't say enough



Lancer Varsity Volleyball seniors Maddie Rankin, Kenzie Gagne and Anna Haas were honored during the team's final home game.

great things about her. She's been around Londonderry volleyball for so many years, way before I got here, so she educated me about what Londonderry volleyball is all about. She has a bright future ahead of her. She wants to continue to play and will be a great addition to the college ranks. We really going to miss her around here."

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LHS Cross Country Teams Finish Strong at Division I Championship

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Both of Londonderry High School's Varsity Cross Country teams have qualified for this year's Meet of Champions after the boys finished fifth and the girls seventh in the Division I Championship meet, which was held on Saturday (Oct. 26) at Derryfield Park in Manchester. The Meet of Champions will take place this Saturday at Nashua South High School. The girls' race

begins at 2:30 p.m. and the boys' race at 3:20 p.m.

Londonderry's boys had 119 team points and were led by junior Ryan Young, who finished ninth overall with a time of 16:25.8. Matthew Griffin placed 12th (16:33.9), freshman Sean Clegg came in 25th (17:00.1) and other scorers were Dylan Hotter (35th, 17:21.1) and Kerry Daley (38th, 17:32.2). Also running for the Lancers were Christophe Burbeau (53rd, 18:01.7) and Will

Plante (56th, 18:06.2).

The girls' finished with a team score of 194. Their fastest runner was Caitlin Boufford, who crossed the finish line 13th with a time of 20:00.3. Grace McDonough placed 24th (20:27.6), Cailey McDonough was 43rd (21:33.1), Adriana Nadeau 49th (21:42.6) and Emily Smith 65th (22:41.5). Cailin Borovicka finished 79th (23:13.0) and Jasmine Brown 81st (23:18.0).

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Lancer Boys Soccer Squad Battles Their Way Into Playoffs

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Boys' Varsity Soccer team (6-6-4) will be part of this fall's playoffs thanks to an important win last week that helped the Lancers secure their spot among the Division I elite teams.

Todd Ellis and his team traveled to Merrimack last Tuesday, Oct. 22, and pulled off a dramatic 1-0 overtime victory over the locals (8-7-1). The 80 minutes of regulation ended without any goals, before Hunter Smith found the back of the net for the game winner, thanks to an assist by Anthony Ramy. Alex Hufford made three saves for

Londonderry and earned the shutout and coach Ellis commented: "It was a pretty even battle. I thought we created some good chances that we just missed on, and created seven corner kicks to their one. Alex made a great save in the second half to keep the game scoreless. This was our fifth overtime this season and it was great to see the team get the win."

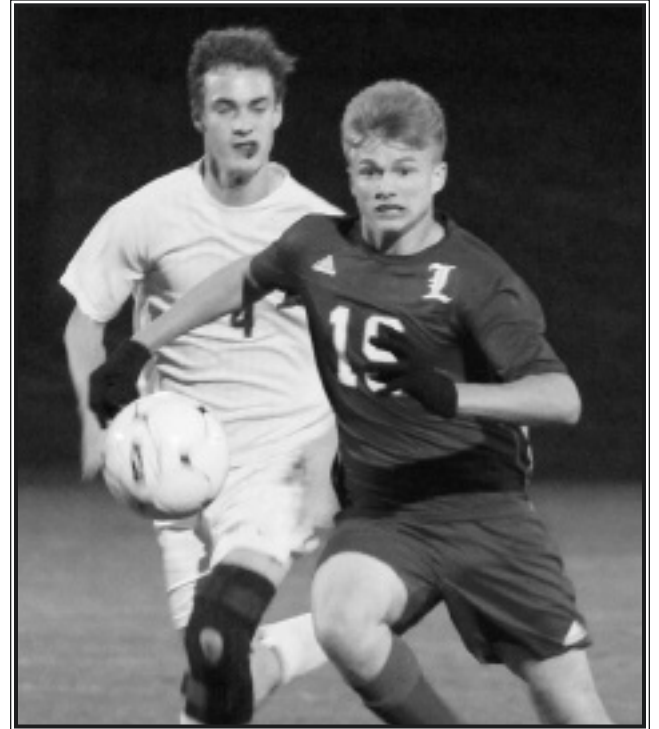
The Lancers ended their regular season at home, during on senior night, on Friday, Oct. 25, losing 4-0 to a very strong Hanover team (13-2-1), who ended as the third seed. No goal were scored in a tight first half, before the Marauders

erupted with four goals in less than 11 minutes, right after the teams took the field again and Londonderry changed goalkeepers, to allow both of its senior goalies equal playing time on their celebratory evening. Charlie Adams, Eric Ringer and Kyle Doucette, who had a brace including a tremendous bicycle kick goal, scored for the visitors. Hufford and Colby DiMaggio made three saves each for Londonderry.

Ellis told the Londonderry Times after the game: "We gave everybody some minutes today and we'll see who we pair up against in the playoffs. Colby is also a senior and has not had much oppor-

tunity to play this year, so we knew before the game that we'll give him an opportunity to get in. He trains hard and deserves his time. It was just an unfortunate timing for him in that second half. We played against a good team. I think we could play well against anybody."

As the number 11 seed in the Division I playoffs, the Lancers will have to take a long road trip to Keene High School (#6 seed) on Wednesday, Oct. 30, to fight for a chance at the quarter finals. The Blackbirds had a regular season record of 10-4-2, and the two teams did not meet this year.



Erik Gagne makes his way across the field on Friday night at home. Photo by Chris paul

Unified Soccer Team Enjoys End to a Successful Regular Season

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Varsity Coed Unified Soccer team enjoyed a successful regular season in Division I and is now getting ready for its quarterfinals play-off game, which is scheduled to take place Monday, Nov. 4.

The Lancers, coached by Ashley Tebbetts, won five of their six games this season, finishing tied for second place in the standings, out of 14 teams. After a 1-0 forfeit victory over Nashua South, Londonderry went on to beat Keene 7 to 4 and Nashua North 2-0 in two home games, got a 5-2 victory at Portsmouth and a 2-1 win on the road against ConVal (the Lancers first ever victory in this matchup),

before dropping the final game of the season, on senior night, against the undefeated Exeter High School, 4-2.

Tebbetts said that throughout the season, Cameron Therrien has had strong presence as the team's goalkeeper, while Cody Therrien and Alanna Vargas were consistent goal scorers. Aidan Cook, a new athlete on the team, was a great addition to the program and had a good season as a very versatile player. Among the team's helpers, Tebbetts mentioned seniors Alex Cafaro and Chris Tutt, both part of the program throughout their four high school years: "During the past four years, they have been positive leader and have shown a strong work ethic, which has con-

tributed to the success of the Unified Soccer team", she said.

In total, the team included 13 athletes this season and 23 helpers. Athletes are the only ones who can score goals, while helpers can assist them and facilitate plays. The games are played seven-versus-seven, in four 12-minute quarters: "When you are watching it, it looks like a traditional soccer game. Sometimes the athlete's jerseys are a bit different, but our kids know who can shoot and who cannot. It's been great. Watching my athletes' score, defend and be successful on the field is such a rewarding experience."

Tebbetts said that they aim for a ratio of two helpers for each athlete,

"so that everyone really has support buddies with them." She added: "The leadership on this team, in both areas, athletes and helpers, is what makes this team so successful right now. This team prides themselves on being supportive of one another and focusing on team work and encouraging each other. Really pushing each other to work beyond the limits they think they have."

This is Tebbetts sixth year with the Unified Soccer team and she has been coaching some of the athletes for five years now and some of the helpers

for four: "You could tell they are a bonded team", she mentions, proudly. "They are very close, family-like team. I feel that it's their journey and I'm happy to be a part of it. I call them 'my tribe'." Some of the athletes will be graduating from the team this year, at the age of 21. "This program provides the kids with athletics and social opportunities."

The team's roster: Erin Batchelor, Laura Bowen, William Boyle, Alexander Cafaro, Erin Carlson, Cameron Chicko, Aidan Cook, Hannah Desmarais, Caden Elghazal, Zachary Fawcett, Colleen Furlong, John Henry Gallagan, Alexis Groulx, Jeremy Helman, Natalie Karlson, Giovanna Komst, Ben Laverly, Katelyn McKivergan, Brandon Morani, Meagan O'Leary, Celia Ponto, Cameron Robbins, Owen Rouse, T.J. (Tyler) Ruzicka, Joshua Schmitt, Ashley Schmitt, Jack Sprague, Kasey Stratton, Katie Sullivan, Cameron Therrien, Cody Therrien, Alyssa Treanor, Christopher Tutt Jr., Alanna Vargas, Michael Williams, Olivia Windisch. Coach: Ashley Tebbetts. Assistants: Colleen Ellis, Laurie MacInnis, Andrew Rush, Ruth George.

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Trunk or Treat Rain-date

Hosted by Journey Church and directed by Thrive Outdoors, put on your best costume for this year's free community event Trunk or Treat! Held at 5 Tinkham Ave., Derry on Saturday Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute please visit www.thriveoutdoorsnh.com.

Yoga for Seniors

The Londonderry Senior Center offers yoga classes to the senior community. Barbara Scott and Lisa Kress conduct an eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes. These classes are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. Classes take place at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 10 a.m. You may sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class - or both. Next session beginning the week of Nov. 19. Registration for new students begins Nov. 5. Payment is required at time of registration. For more details call the Senior Center at 432-8554.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Nov. 15, from 1 - 6 p.m. at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are strongly recommended. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. Visit redcrossblood.org for further information on this time saving feature. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Walk-ins are always welcome. For specific infor-

mation on this drive, please contact John Cussen at 603-329-5207.

Used Toys Needed

St. Gianna's Toy Sale is having its annual used sale on Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. - noon at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. Please donate any gently used toys in still-playable condition to 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry. Simply drop your bagged donation on the driveway anytime that is convenient. All proceeds go directly to St. Thomas Church's Outreach programs and St. Gianna's Place-a home for pregnant women in crisis.

Delve into Knowledge

Exciting weekly trivia challenge. Stop by the Children's Room desk to answer our special trivia challenge question. If you are not sure of the answer, use one of our books or the Internet to help you. All answers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool prize. A new trivia challenge will be available each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday Nov. 4, Tuesday Nov. 12, and Monday Nov. 18 and Nov. 25 and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Create a Craft

At the start of each week, the library will provide supplies for a new, creative craft and place them in the box on the spotlight shelf for patrons to create. A new craft may be picked up each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday Nov. 4, Tuesday Nov. 12, and Monday Nov. 18 and Nov. 25 and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 p.m., at Island Pond Baptist Church will celebrate God's blessings throughout the year! A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served including turkey with all the trimmings, vegetables and scrumptious desserts.

There is no charge for this event. All are welcome! Call 603.329.5959, or email info@islandpondbc.com so we may reserve a spot for you. IPBC is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, NH, www.islandpondbc.com.

Country Christmas Fair

St Jude Parish will be holding their annual Fair on Saturday Nov. 2, hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Fair features beautiful handmade gifts, including special items for pets and children, as well as a huge cookie walk and white elephant room. Also featured are the "Famous Raffles" with a 50+ item raffle table, a Thanksgiving Basket, a stunning handmade quilt as well as ongoing 50/50 raffles all day. The church is located at 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry and all proceeds will benefit the parish.

Hard Row for Paupers

A NH Humanities program, Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers presented by Steve Taylor and hosted by the Amoskeag Mills Questers. Free and open to the public. Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. Marion Gerish Community Center 39 West Broadway Derry. For more information contact Meredith Hatch 603-434-8673

Leach Library

Library Hours for November are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day. In celebration of Thanksgiving, the library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and re-open on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 9 a.m.

Beginning Harmonica Workshop

On Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Learn some basic harmonica techniques and easy blues songs at the Leach Library. Participants will be able to keep their harmonica after the program, free of

charge. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Photography Word Search and Scramble

November's adult display theme at Leach Library is photography. On the central display table in the adult room there will be new books about photography available for checkout. Among these new titles will be #Nofilter: Get Creative with Photography by Natalia Price-Cabrera and Adobe Photoshop Lightroom Classic for Dummies by Rob Silvan. As an added incentive, the library is offering two trivia games during the month: a photography word search and a photography word scramble. At the end of the month, one word search winner and one word scramble winner with all the correct answers will be chosen from a random drawing. Each winner will receive a \$10 gift card for the 99 Restaurant. Participants can begin the trivia games as early as 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, and turn them in to the Reference Desk no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30 for eligibility.

Fun and Games

Join the Leach Library on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for our young adult Fun and Games program. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will take part in an enjoyable hour of exciting games and activities. Participants are encouraged to bring their own games to share with the group. In addition, at this special event, snacks and beverages will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is required.

Autumn Matching Game

The Leach Library Children's Room will be offering a matching game beginning on Friday, Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30. The games will be available at the Children's Room desk.

Scarecrow Hats

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Nov. 4 from 4 - 5 p.m. for "Scarecrow Hats". During this program, we will get to know Otis and the Scarecrow, find out what a Scarecrow is, and learn what's special about a Scarecrow's Hat. After a couple of

songs about scarecrows, we'll wrap things up with a scarecrow matching game. Each participant will be able to choose a special Thanksgiving rubber ducky before leaving. This fun program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127.

Debbie and Friends

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Nov. 18 from 4 - 5 p.m. to enjoy the music of Debbie and Friends. Children and adults are invited to sing and dance along to Debbie's fun and interactive songs. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Romping Reads

Energetic half-hour program, Romping Reads, open to participants of all ages at the Leach Library. Each week, participants will have a romping good time with songs, interactive stories, and a game. Move and groove with friends old and new on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting date is Nov. 6.

Be A Champion For Change

Londonderry United Methodist Church located at 258 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, will hold its first annual Alternative Gift Fair on Saturday Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Be A Champion For Change is a wonderful opportunity to learn about projects around the US and world that relieve poverty and suffering. Thirty projects ranging from wells in South Sudan to medicine for Burmese refugees to swimming lessons for Alaskan youth are available through our partner, Alternative Gifts International. The Sunday school children are sponsoring projects such as Save the Timber Elephants, Save the Hawksbill Sea Turtles and Livestock and Poultry for Dignity, while the Committees at church are sponsoring A Safe Haven for Orphans, Recycle for Schools and Clinics, Rescue Victims of Sex Trafficking. An Alternative Gift is a humanitarian gift given in honor of a friend or loved one. Just like tradi-

tional gifts, Alternative Gifts express love and affection, celebrate occasions and show you care. Unlike traditional gifts, an Alternative Gift purchased at Londonderry United Methodist Church don't contribute to the consumer stream and they won't be re-gifted. Join us on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Shop alternatively and give gifts that have global impact.

Voter Information

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Holiday Craft Fair and Cookie Walk

On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center located at 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A variety of vendors will be selling their crafts and many beautiful gift baskets will be raffled off. Lots of homemade cookies as well as food and beverages available for purchase. Santa Claus will be here for pictures and bearing small gifts for the children. All proceeds from this fair will benefit the Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc. organization.

7th Annual LHS Craft Fair

On Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 - 3 p.m., at the Londonderry High School caf/lobby. Over 90 tables filled with a wide variety of items, raffle, cookie walk and kid's corner. Hosted by Student Council. Proceeds from the fair benefit the Student Council, the St. Jude's food pantry, the LHS Backpack Program, and

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on Nov. 24 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, call 603-432-3333 for more information; Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 28 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Rd., Derry, call 603-432-2130 for more information; Dinner on Nov. 29 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish

Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information. Don't forget Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves free hot meals 5 days a week in Derry. For more information, please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

Rotary Fall Fundraiser

The Londonderry Rot-

ary Club is holding its 7th annual fall fundraising activity "Fun, Friends, & Fundraising" on Friday Nov. 1, from 6 - 10:30 p.m., at the Nashua Country Club Ballroom, 25 Fairway St., Nashua. The event will begin with a cocktail reception (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres with a carving station from 6 - 7:15 p.m.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Oct. 21

5:44 a.m. Arrest made after disturbance at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Edward Laffin, 54, of Candia taken into Protective Custody for Alcohol.

3:01 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Rockingham Road.

3:24 p.m. Motor vehicle complaint results in arrest on Pillsbury Road at Moose Hill School. Four officers charge Peter White, 45, of New Boston with Driving Under The Influence of Drugs or Liquor; and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated. **9:44 p.m.** Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Tuesday - Oct. 22

12:58 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Fieldstone Drive. **10:01 a.m.** Weapons Offenses investigated on West Road at Recovery Way. **12:53 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated by three officers on Justin Circle. **3:25 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Justin Circle. **3:39 p.m.** Domestic disturbance Investigated by six officers on Constitution Drive.

6:29 p.m. Three officers assist Londonderry Fire Dept. with Transportation To Hospital from Shaw's on Orchard View Drive.

7:03 p.m. Missing person transported to hospital from Constitution Drive.

9:09 p.m. Burglary investigated by five officers on Jolly Lane.

Wednesday - Oct. 23

3:21 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Forest Street. **4:54 p.m.** Warrant served and citation issued at Global on Hampton Drive. Karen Casey, 54, of Londonderry charged with Dog, Menace, Nuisance, Vicious.

5:28 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Pelican Circle. Therese Davis, 55, of Derry charged with Harassment; and Stalking; Domestic Violence. **8:01 p.m.** Peace restored after Neighborhood Disputes on Winding Pond Road. **8:01 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for Trespassing on Elijah Hill Road **10:06 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Kestree Drive.

Thursday - Oct. 24

7:05 p.m. Disturbance leads to Arrest on Rock-

ingham Road. Robert Lamy, 60, of Franklin charged with Theft By Unauthorized Taking of over \$1,501; Unauthorized Use; and Protective Custody; Drugs.

8:30 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by three officers on Forest Street.

9:54 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with Transport To Hospital from The Coach Stop on Mammoth Road.

10:34 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on West Road.

11:39 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Mammoth Road.

Friday - Oct. 25

8:10 a.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at Londonderry High School. **9:11 a.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital from Garden Lane at Kindercare Learning Center.

12:39 p.m. Complaint received at Londonderry Town Hall on Mammoth Road.

1:11 p.m. Services rendered after Criminal Mischief Investigated on Aviation Park Dr at Trimmer's Landscaping

5:07 p.m. Fire investigated on Ash Street Derry town line.

6 p.m. Peace restored by

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Craft Time

Leach Library will hold craft time on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. for children to explore their creative side. Each week, participants will discover a different fun craft to make using a variety of materials. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Nov. 6.

Shake, Move & Read

This exhilarating and fun-filled program will be held on Wednesdays from 4 - 4:45 p.m. at the Leach Library. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Nov. 6. Each week, participants will energetically explore a different theme using songs, fantastic finger plays, a story and simple craft. From the opening welcome song to the final finger play, participants will be moving and grooving the afternoon away.

Police Log

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three officers after Disturbance at Dunkin Donuts on Rockingham Road.
8 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes reported on Fieldstone Drive.
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Saturday - Oct. 26

12:27 p.m. Services rendered by Animal Control on Red Deer Road.
12:52 p.m. Services ren-

Toddler Time

This Leach Library program is open to children ages 2 & 3. Children attend with their parents and enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs and a simple craft. Meets on Thursdays, from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Nov. 7.

Scarecrow Hats

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Nov. 4 from 4 - 5 p.m. for "Scarecrow Hats". During this program, we will get to know Otis and the Scarecrow, find out what a Scaredycrow is, and learn what's special about a Scarecrow's Hat. After a couple of songs about scarecrows, we'll wrap things up with a scarecrow matching game. Each participant will be able to choose a special Thanksgiving rubber ducky before leaving. This fun program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 28.

Ladybug Award

Each year, librarians from around the state nominate ten outstanding picture books to be voted on by the children of New Hampshire. Participants in preschool through grade 3 can vote on their favorite book from the list of nominated titles. The books will be on display this month and next at the Leach Library. Stop by and read one of the titles and be ready to cast your vote starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Everyone who votes will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a fun Ladybug prize.

Family Spaghetti Dinner

The Londonderry Republican Committee will be holding a Fall Family Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. Our program includes introductions of our available 2020 Candidates for US Senate and House, as well as other candidates. More details will be published as we get closer to the event date. We've also planned to have a Silent Auction with some lovely baskets and a 50/50 raffle. So please save the date and plan on joining us for great food and company, music, and fun! The dinner is a great bargain at \$10/pp age 13 and above, and of course children 12 and under are free. We'll be sending out another invitation in October with more details, but if you want to secure your reservation now, please call Janet Huttula at 603-432-7368 or email her at huttula7@comcast.net.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Town of Londonderry is hosting its Fall Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. - Noon at Nelson Fields (LAFA) off Sargent Rd., (Behind the Central Fire Station). Residents who have Household Hazardous Material such as Pesticides or Herbicides, Oil Base Paints, Paint Remover or Thinner, Solvents/Degreasers, Household cleaners, Pool Chemicals, old Gasoline or Anti-

freeze will be able to dispose of these items. For further information please contact Robert Kerry, Department of Public Works in Londonderry at 432-1100 ext. 137 or visit the Town of Londonderry website at www.londonderry-nh.org/environmental-services-solid-waste.

9:52 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Scots Place.

Sunday - Oct. 27

10:55 a.m. Criminal Threatening reported on Symmes Drive.

6:12 p.m. Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Quincy Road
7:28 p.m. Four officers render services for Weapons Offenses on Vista Ridge Drive.

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Nutfield Holiday Parade

Derry's Nutfield Holiday Parade and Celebration will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30. This will be an all day event that will include The Holiday Parade, Festival of Trees, The Downtown Holiday Stroll, the Official Tree Lighting Ceremony, Pictures with Santa and Kid's Arts and Crafts. Sponsorships are available with heavier visibility and more advertising than ever. Please see the information attached here. You can either send the information back to us at 29 W. Broadway, Derry, or email me to indicate which level you would like to participate in. If you have had a float or have walked in the parade in the past, please

be sure to register through the following link as soon as possible. derry-chamber-chambermaster.com/events/details/annual-holiday-parade-nutfield-holiday-parade-2351. If you have any questions, you may also feel free to call me directly at 603.505.0562.

Child Find Program

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 - five years, 11 months (5.11) Of Age, who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find will be held at the Londonderry early education program (L.E.E.P.) Moose Hill School - 150 Pillsbury Rd., on Dec. 5, Feb. 6, and April 2. We encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, Ext. 7223, between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen Without An Appointment.

For children birth to 2.5 years old, please contact Beth Warner at The Moore Center 603-206-2732 or Lynne Thomas at Easter Seals 603.666.5982 Ext. 34. Both providers are connected with family centered early supports & services.

Upper Room Auction

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Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for young adults ages 18-25. Learn how to manage the "overwhelming" in a healthy way for you. We offer workshops, and 1:1 support, groups. For an appointment, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 24.

Photo Winners

The Londonderry Times recent Fall Facebook Photo Contest ended in a tie.

The photo at left is by Kaylie Stewart, showing Shea and Adelaide Stewart enjoying the leaves.

The photo below is by Jenny Neudorff depicting Fall Apple Picking at Mack's Apples.

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