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Water Issues

Town officials have made solving some of Londonderry's water contamination issues a top priority and are looking to form a Task Force to look for answers. This brook runs along Lancaster Drive and behind the Apple Tree Mall where a number of contaminants have been found recently.

Photo by Chris Paul

Zoning Board Approves Request To Rebuild Home on Property

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment ruled at its Jan. 20 meeting that a variance request to allow an accessory building to replace a previous structure would not be contrary to the

public interest or alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The first case heard, was a request by property owners on Pillsbury Road to replace a home that recently used for firefighting exercises. Case Number 01/20/21-1, involved allowing the

building of a new structure, was a request for four variances from LZO (1) 5.18.H.2 to allow an accessory dwelling unit to be located in a front yard which is otherwise prohibited; (2) 8.2.A.2 to allow a non-conforming building to be rebuilt

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Audit Report Finds Costs in Line With Accounts for School District

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School District received an unmodified opinion of "clean" on its financial statements for all reporting units for the school year ending in June 2020.

Based on the general fund budget, revenue budgeting was in line with actual accounts in the audit report of financial findings for the 2019-20 school year presented at the School Board meeting Jan. 19.

A surplus of \$240,000 in revenue, representing a .31% surplus, resulted out of a \$76.6 million budget, said CPA

Matthew Murray, manager of assurance services at Vachon Clukay and Company, the independent auditors who report to the School Board.

The largest portion of the surplus related to catastrophic aid and Medicaid, the district's two most unpredictable sources. More fluctuation occurred in sources not determined by tax revenues, Murray added. Medicaid revenues are decreasing.

In the general fund budget, total expenditures and use of other financing were \$635,000 less than the approved budget. That was a favorable budget variance of .82% on budgeted expenditures of \$77

million.

The general fund ending balance was \$875,000 more than originally budgeted for the school district. The fund's budgetary fund balance for the previous year was \$31,833 in pre-paid expenses, Murray pointed out. A commitment of \$150,000 was made in subsequent year expenditures.

There was a fund balance retention of \$1,159,403. General operations, as an offset to the tax rate, were \$458,998.

The school district ended the 2019-20 year with a \$26.1 million deficit net position, which saw an increase

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Questions Raised Over School's 2022 Default Budget Rationale

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board again turned its attention to the debated purpose of a default budget after one member questioned its role in budgetary deliberations.

At the board's Jan. 14 public hearing on the school budget, Bob Slater had asked why school staff positions being eliminated in the coming year remained in the default budget.

Vice Chairman Steve

Young returned to the issue with his colleagues at the board's Jan. 19 meeting. The subject remains a concern given the number of positions that will not be renewed in the 2021-22 school year, he said.

Those positions are being reduced through staff attrition in the operating budget the board approved at its public hearing. The positions also are being cut because the student population is falling.

As the default budget serves as a backup in

case an operating budget is not passed, Young said it functions as a "backward looking piece of data."

He cited Section 4b of the school charter as indicating the default

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Budget

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budget is not in fact a budget. Rather, it is an amount to be raised if the proposed operating budget cannot win support. The default budget simply provides a number to operate under for decision making purposes, as has occurred regarding covid, computers, and funds transferred from the federal government.

The school board determines the default budget, Young noted, and any board member has the ability to challenge an action and propose a change if they

don't believe the board is acting appropriately under the charter.

The default budget reflects just the last year's numbers, and the amount can be increased or decreased by a number of items.

One such item is debt service and it can be removed from the default budget. Another is contracts previously incurred sometimes for a number of years. Yet another is salaries and other related employee benefits and taxes.

The problem here is that these items are actually part of the default budget as defined under the school charter, Young said,

despite being prior expenses. Because positions are falling off as they pertain to staff who are leaving, they should be eliminated from the default budget, he argued.

However, some obligations remain that were previously incurred or mandated by law and reduced by one-time expenditures in the operating budget. Such expenditures are considered as appropriations unlikely to recur in the succeeding budget.

Young questioned why the previous salaries and benefits automatically become part of the default budget when they were for

employees no longer there. He said the default budget needs to be clearly presented to the public in a way that involves deliberation and explanation of why it's set up this way.

The present default budget is currently above the school board recommended budget. If the positions of the departing employees and their salaries were to be removed from it, that would put the school system \$200,000 above the default budget, Young said.

Slater also spoke at the board meeting and praised School Superintendent Scott Laliberte's efforts to look at every

avenue this year to lower the budget during a difficult time. But he asked: "If those wages are not required July 1 going into the budget, why would we want to keep them in the default and not show the true numbers to the public of just what the school district has done to reduce costs?"

The charter formula now says the school board sets the default budget and the superintendent sets the proposed budget, Slater said. Any increases in utilities or contracts, if the budget doesn't pass, are covered in the default but it doesn't require wages to be withdrawn from the default, he added.

Laliberte told the meeting the idea behind the default budget is to

remove some of the subjectivity from the budget process in formulating a fallback number. "We arrive at a number and that number is the result of a mathematical equation."

The default budget is based on what has been approved in the past but a one-year capital cost project would not be included in it, he said.

Slater favors the board possibly looking at changing the charter's wording for next year to adjust the default budget to show staffing positions being eliminated with retirements.

Young suggested the school system address the charter question before the Deliberative Session Feb. 5 on the budget warrants.

American Legion Senior Oratorical Winners



Dan Beliveau, of District 4 American Legion presents the first place certificate to Valerie McDonnell.



Second place went to James Inamorati

The District 4 American Legion Senior Oratorical Scholarship ceremony was held on over the weekend, on Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Londonderry Middle School and the first place winner was Valerie McDonnell from Salem High School.

The second place winner was James Inamorati from the

Founders Academy and both were awarded certificates as well as prize money.

The First place winner win now go on to compete in the state level at the American Legion Department of New Hampshire Oratorical.

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OBITUARY

Dennis Michael Murphy



Dennis Michael Murphy, 73, of Londonderry, NH died Friday Jan. 22, 2021, in Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Cambridge, MA on Oct. 1, 1947, a son of John Murphy and Anna (Rendinelli) Murphy. He was raised and educated in Saugus, MA. A resident of Londonderry for the past 5 years, Dennis had previously lived in Merrimack, NH for 45 years.

Dennis served in the US Air force during the Vietnam War. He was an employee for 30 years with Verizon, where he retired as a Central Office Technician. After retirement, Dennis enjoyed his free time at home and spending time with his beloved grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Nancy (Lancaster) Murphy of Londonderry; his son Scott P. Murphy and his wife Genecilda of Nashua, NH; two daughters, Kristin M. Murphy of Concord, NH, Kelly A. Wark and her husband David of Litchfield, NH; his six grandchildren; Scott Jr., Daniel, Matthew, Kyle, Ryan, and Lauren, two brothers, John Murphy of Saugus, MA, Richard Murphy and his wife Sharon of Lynn, MA. He was recently predeceased by a sister-in-law, Linda Murphy.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, a private family service is being planned. Burial will be at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. For those in attendance, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123.

Audit

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in the deficit of \$850,000 from the prior year.

The deficit is due primarily to two Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requirements that the district record a liability for a proportional share of the unfunded New Hampshire retirement system liabilities, Murray said.

Without these two GASB standards, the audit found the district would have a total net position of \$34.3 million and a 2020 \$1.5 million unrestricted deficit net position. This is relatively consistent with the unrestricted deficits of the past three years:

- * FY 2019 \$2.6 million
- * FY 2018 \$2.4 million
- * FY 2017 \$3.2 million

school district to report its proportionate share of the state retirement system's unfunded pension liability. As of June 30, 2020, the district's share of the net pension liability was \$58.6 million (1.22%) of the retirement system's unfunded liability.

GASB 75, which amended GASB 45, changed allowable methods for calculating the single employer Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability. This requires the district to report its proportionate share of the state retirement system's unfunded OPEB plan. As of June 2020, the share of net OPEB liability was \$4.9 million (1.13%).

A coming accounting standard in FY 2021 is GASB 87 covering leases. This will require reporting a liability and right to use asset with a corre-

sponding deferred inflow or deferred outflow.

Because the school district expended more than \$750,000, a federal compliance audit was required, Murray explained at the board meeting. It showed the district extended approximately \$2.0 million in federal awards – up slightly from the year before, mainly due to the food service program.

“Once covid hit and the schools shut down

effective the end of March, the district worked to get meals to the individuals who needed them,” he said.

As part of that, New Hampshire changed the funding amount and went from the standard to the reimbursement amount for the usual school summer program.

The federal audit tested the district's internal control over both financial reporting and compliance with

federal awards. Among key findings, Murray said, no material adjustments resulted, no uncorrected financial misstatements were noted, and no management difficulties were encountered in conducting or completing the audit.

School Board Vice Chairman Steve Young asked him about the deficits he referenced in his report. Murray responded that every New Hampshire municipality participating in the retirement system has an unfunded liability level that must be reported in their financial statements if they want to receive an unmodified opinion.

The state retirement system when reporting to the Londonderry School Board in November said they were advised by their actuaries to make certain changes to their discount rate.

The current rate is 7.25% and that must come down to no higher than 6.75%, and will affect the reported liability number.

With the pension liability itself, the difference between what is reported now and a one percentage decrease in the discount rate is approximately a \$20 million liability. Other factors will affect the actual liability but it could be approximately \$9 million to \$11 million more next year.

This is based on retirement system investments as determined by their board of trustees. The only effect on the day to day operations of the school district would be whenever the retirement system needs to increase the contribution amounts to it, Murray said.

Given the large unfunded statewide pension, Business Administrator Peter Curro voiced his disagreement over this unfunded liability affecting the operating budget for the school and town when they have no say in how the retirement system operates. But he added the hit is limited as the rating agencies are aware of these particular circumstances.

OBITUARY

Lotario Medeiros



Lotario Medeiros, 76, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021 at his residence after a period of declining health. He was born Nov. 26, 1944 in Criciúma, Brazil and was a son of the late Pedro Medeiros and Sautira Fermina. He was raised and educated in Brazil where he lived most of his life. Lotario and his wife Carolina, relocated to Londonderry a few years ago to be close to their family.

Mr. Medeiros was employed most of his life as a manager at the coal mines for Carbonífera Criciúma S/A. He was an avid soccer fan and was president of the local club for many years. He enjoyed spending time with his beloved family.

Lotario is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carolina de Souza Medeiros and their devoted children, Edemilson Medeiros and his wife, Maria de Lourdes, Everton Medeiros, and Edivania Medeiros; he also leaves behind four grandchildren Andrei, Alan, Julia and Anna Carolyn, and three great-grandchildren, Marcelo, Lorenzo and Giovani.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. After cremation, he will be returned to his beloved Brazil for burial.

OBITUARY

John Patrick Rheume



John Patrick Rheume, 55, of Derry, NH died Monday Jan. 18, 2021 in his Laconia, NH vacation home with his loving family by his side. He was born in Massachusetts on Sept. 7, 1965, son of Ronald and Noreen (O'Connell) Rheume.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Nancy A. (Crowley) Rheume, daughter Devin Rheume and partner Mike Bride of Derry, NH, stepsons Bryan Hayward and wife Chelsea of Port St. Lucie FL, Brett Hayward of Manchester, NH, sister Brenda Rheume-Wilson of Londonderry, NH and brother Patrick Curtin and his wife Jennifer of Cranford, NJ. He is also survived by his granddaughters Gemma, Destiny and Brooklyn as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family.

John grew up in Salem NH, attended local schools and graduated from Salem High School. He had a very successful career in the propane industry for many years. He was highly skilled and his expertise was recognized by all. He loved spending his leisure time boating, fishing, motorcycling, playing guitar, visiting with his family and playing with his dog Harley. John was known as a very good-natured friend to all and he will be sorely missed by many.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family was held on Friday, Jan. 22, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to www.centralvna.org, www.dana-farber.org or the charity of one's choice.

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Editorial

Calling All Residents to Make a Stand

Are you frustrated that nobody at town hall is listening to you? Do you feel that your town or school officials have an excuse for everything or justify decisions you don't agree with?

To all residents who stayed home or didn't offer suggestions during recent public hearings while elected officials crafted school and town budgets: Are you satisfied with the final budget numbers?

It's plain and simple- without asking questions, you'll truly never know what is being spent and why.

Some residents will lose their jobs or work without raises again, struggling to stay afloat, while town and school employees get annual raises, plus great benefits. Yet town and school budgets continue to go up every year, and so do our taxes to cover their spending.

Why are we allowing officials and department heads, despite current economic circumstances, to behave like spoiled children with platinum credit cards, paid for by taxpayers? When will taxpayers say "Stop!" Until then, its business as usual spending others' hard earned money, while getting well paid to do it.

Sad to say, the hearings are over for the most part. Your next shot to participate in this democracy comes at the Deliberative Sessions and Town Meetings. It's not too late to offer your own well thought out, practical ways to save money, or your thanks if elected officials paid attention to the woes of taxpayers.

Of course, there's something else you can do if you're passionate about fiscal and personal responsibility: you can run for elected office yourself.

The filing period begins at 8 a.m., Jan. 20 and ends at 5 p.m., Jan. 29, for open town and school district offices.

If you're willing to put in the considerable effort it takes, you can sign up for any open position on the school board, town council, as town clerk, or what ever is open.

If you love your community, want to make a difference, want to see change, are truly willing to listen to others, can ask the tough questions, can seek a middle ground among differing opinions, have really thick skin, and are willing to put in long evenings to serve your constituents, then put your name in the running. No personal agendas need apply.

You'll know what's really going on behind closed doors. You'll have a say in what happens in town, and you'll be responsible for helping your town move forward.

Don't let the apathy that brought out only a few to budget hearings continue into the election.

In a country founded on citizen participation, in a state where the voice of the individual is honored, and in towns that are still small enough to listen to individual citizens, elected office is a possibility for anyone who cares to make the effort.

Take a stand today to preserve the community you want tomorrow. And make sure you VOTE!

Letters

Action Required by all interested or Affected Parties.

To the editor,
Due to serious drinking water contamination problems found in the town of Londonderry, immediate action must be taken to determine appropriate measures moving forward.

Residents can no longer ignore the current situation that we are faced with which now results in potential health issues to the citizens of our town.

This ongoing situation should be brought to the attention of all residents of Londonderry so that they can now have their own drinking water tested in order to protect themselves and their family from any possible health problems.

That being said, we must insist that immediate action be taken by not only the town government, but also all other federal, state, county and any other elected officials that can assist the town in taking action.

Now rather than later!

I would recommend creating an "ad hoc citizens committee" to assure those responsible will be held accountable. By "responsible parties" I refer to those who caused the contamination, not the taxpayers or citizens of Londonderry.

I urge anyone who feels the way I do, and wish to review and discuss this very important issue, contact me personally at 603-548-5750.

Let your voices be heard, as this is your

town, with water issues that need to be corrected for the generations to come.

Ray Breslin
Londonderry

Vote YES on Article 13

To the editor,
My well water is toxic. When I want to have a drink, cook a meal, water my garden, or even brush my teeth, I have to rely on bottled water from a plastic tower. The level of PFAS/PFOA in my water is fifteen times the legal limit. In the well across the street, the level is thirty times the legal limit.

We live on Lancaster Drive, where eight wells have been contaminated by a PFAS/PFOA spill. Since then all of us have been working with the town, the responsible party, the NH Department of Environmental Services, and Penichuck Water to figure out how we can get clean water running through our taps. In the meantime, the contamination is attached to our deeds and we are unable to sell our homes.

Over the past eighteen months, we have explored a variety of options. Ultimately, though, only one truly solves the problem: our homes need to be connected to a municipal water supply. This is not a cheap or easy fix, but it is the only effective one.

Warrant Article #13 allows us to fund this necessary project. With the financial support from the owner of the Appletree Mall, our own contributions, and the funding from Warrant

Article #13, we can afford to connect our homes to municipal water and we can have clean water again. The owner of the mall will no longer be responsible for supplying us with clean water, we will be able to drink, cook, water, and brush our teeth freely, and the town will have eight viable properties once more.

It is worth noting that the state of New Hampshire has grant funding available for towns that have to address PFOA contamination issues. As a town, we can apply for funding to reimburse ourselves for the costs that Warrant Article #13 incurs. The NH Department of Environmental Service has explicitly stated that reimbursement is acceptable, so the town can fund us and be paid back later. In short, with your help, my neighbors and I can have safe, readily-available drinking water without having to wait on red tape.

When you are looking at your ballot in March, and you see Warrant Article #13, please think of my neighbors and me. Help us get clean, safe water back into our taps. Vote YES on Warrant Article #13. Thank you!

Erica Laue
Londonderry

Gerrymandering Warrant

To the editor,
As you may know, the latest census will trigger a redistricting process here in New Hampshire. A group of concerned Londonderry residents

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Zoning

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after being discontinued for one year; (3) 8.2.A.3 to allow an 85-square foot expansion of a non-conforming structure; and (4) 8.2.A.4 to allow a non-conforming structure to be rebuilt when damage from a fire exceeded 75% of the replacement value, 96 Pillsbury Road, Map 9 Lot 56-3, Zoned AR-1.

In the second case filed by the same applicants an appeal was sought of Zoning Administrator/Chief Building Inspector Nick Codner's administrative decisions dated Dec. 2, 11, and 18,

2020 which determined the applicants discontinued the use of a non-conforming structure for one year and the damage on the non-conforming structure from a fire exceeded 75% of the replacement value, 96 Pillsbury Road, Map 9 Lot 56-3, Zoned AR-1.

This property had no previous zoning. The lot now has two existing houses and the second one was the preexisting legally non-conforming structure when the fire occurred in September 2019. At the time of their request, the applicants, who are the property dwellers, John and Denise Faiella, were not guided by any accessory

dwelling provisions, said Laura Gandia, associate planner.

The board approved the accessory dwelling variance 5-0, requiring that one of the dwellings must be owner occupied and comply with all provisions to conform with current zoning. This change now poses limitations in ownership for the Faiellas that didn't exist before though the couple said this step was sufficient for them and they could live in either dwelling.

With approval of the accessory variance the applicants said they would formally withdraw their other additional requests.

The applicants had asked for the variance to allow an accessory dwelling to be located in the front of their yard. Two structures have long existed at the property and have separate septic systems and wells, Denise Faiella told the board.

One structure is used as a primary residence located in the back of the property. The other structure is in front of the primary residence and sits 100 feet from the road and the 50 feet from the side property lot.

The fire damaged the second structure and it was donated to the fire department for training and was completely

demolished.

In November 2020, when they were in a position to do so, the applicants applied for a building permit to rebuild the accessory structure where the previous building was located and were told to seek variances from the zoning board to construct the accessory dwelling. They maintained the structure would not alter the neighborhood character or harm the value of surrounding properties.

The existing foundation is still in place with the septic system located there, John Faiella said. The previous building was a rental proper-

ty and was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The new accessory dwelling unit will again be used for renting with the owners planning to live in retirement in the smaller house with their children residing in the main house.

In a separate action, the board unanimously granted a variance for a porch sought by property owner Michael Fiori (CASE NO. 01/20/21-3) requesting the variance from LZO4.2.1.3.C.1 to encroach three feet on a corner lot into the 40-foot front setback for the construction of a six-foot farmer's porch, 26 Sparhawk Drive, Map 1 Lot 82-38, Zoned AR-1.

Letters

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has presented a warrant article that seeks to have the electorate vote for a free, fair, and open process.

When approved, the town will transmit the wishes of the whole town to our state representatives. The idea is to prevent gerrymandering from allowing political parties pick their voters rather than voters picking those they want to represent them.

The dictionary defines gerrymandering - to divide or arrange (a territorial unit) into election districts in a way that gives one political

party an unfair advantage.

Recently, "the Center for American Progress published a report that found that unfairly drawn congressional districts shifted, on average, a whopping 59 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives during the 2012, 2014, and 2016 elections. That means that every other November, 59 politicians that would not have been elected based on statewide voter support for their party won anyway because the lines were drawn in their favor—often by their allies in the Republican or Democratic Party."

My personal opinion,

is that gerrymandering and unlimited corporate campaign contributions are the major factors in the gridlock that poisons the legislative process in Washington, D.C. The submission simply wants "to ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering and to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party".

You will have an opportunity in March to vote on many important issues facing the town, I ask that you support this small step toward

minimizing the partisan divide and increasing efforts to find effective solutions to problems facing our state and country,

Jim Green
Londonderry

Take Down Your Political Signs

To the editor,

As an Independent (Undeclared in NH) I have voted for Republicans and Democrats quite evenly over the decades starting in 1960, and I always voted for the individual candidates, not the party. I was planning on looking back and analyzing for-

mer President Trump's time in office and try to determine his legacy, but instead I decided to look forward to the future.

President Biden has laid out his vision of unity, respect, harmony and compassion for our country, and hopefully people will do their part to help reunite us, because the soul of our country hangs in the balance.

The presidential election, including the aftermath, was incredibly caustic and violent in some situations. Some ordinary citizens were overly zealous while campaigning for Trump and Biden. I noticed

there was a huge amount of political campaign signage. In my town and region. Trump/Pence and Biden/Harris signs sprang up in the yards of many houses. Unfortunately, many of these signs continue to exist long after the election and even after the inauguration. There is no justification for people to continue with the signage of either party unless they want to foment divisiveness and discord in our country. Take down your political signs for the good of our country.

Donald Moskowitz
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Senior Resources Committee Holds First Meeting of 2021

JOHN J. GOGLIA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Senior Resources Committee (SRC) held its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 19, and the first order of business was to elect Richard Flores as the committee's Chairman and Robert Palmer was elected Vice-Chairman.

Former chairman, Doug Thomas, acknowledged the support of the committee during his tenure and wished the committee success in the coming year.

Thomas said he will be devoting his time, energy and efforts to representing the inter-

ests of the people of Londonderry in Concord in his capacity as a New Hampshire State Representative.

The committee then discussed implementing a more formal set of rules for future meetings known as "Roberts Rules" so that all discussion flows through the Chairman instead of having unorganized interaction between committee members and/or the public. That discussion will continue at the next meeting in February.

Ordinance 2020-06 regarding an Elderly Housing Amendment was brought up for dis-

cussion but tabled until the Town Council completely addresses that issue.

Ordinance 2020-06 is an amendment to delete portions of the Elderly Housing Ordinance as its' intended purpose to create affordable senior housing never materialized. There was a brief discussion about the current status of the membership of the Senior Resources Committee, and as always, it was agreed that any Londonderry resident is encouraged to participate in the monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Member Jim Green provided some information about his prior proposal to recognize businesses and individuals who assist senior citizens through either discounts or by extraordinary efforts.

Green will have more specifics next month after collaborating with his sub-committee members.

The SRC then discussed having a member be responsible for keeping track of award candidates and all that goes with that program. It was also agreed that

the Town Council would need to approve any awards program before implementation.

Cathy Blash, Director of the Senior Center said that the Center is open and operating. They would like to have more participants for certain yoga classes.

Blash stated that her outreach efforts regarding the Food Bank Program has been going extremely well, and also advised that the Senior Center Newsletter only gets mailed to members of the Senior Center.

Jen Ganem, who is a representative from the Londonderry School Board advised the committee that kindergarten through eighth grade students returned to school recently and the high school students are still on a hybrid schedule meaning a combination of online and in school learning.

Ganem added that Phase 1B vaccinations start on Friday, Jan. 22, where residents over 65 years of age can register online for the Covid-19 vaccination at vaccines.nh.gov or by calling 2-1-1.

There was also a

short discussion about getting the high school to post that information on their electronic message board as well as the police electronic message board on Mammoth

Road. Ganem and Town Clerk Sherry Farrell agreed to inquire about those possibilities to end the meeting.

OBITUARY

Robert P. Lowe Jr.



Robert P. Lowe Jr., 84, of Londonderry, NH, formally of Gilford ME, passed away peacefully on Sunday Jan. 24, 2021, after a brief illness at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack NH. The oldest of seven children, Robert was born in Lowell,

MA on May 1, 1936. He was the son of the late Robert Sr. and Sarah (Breault) Lowe.

Robert was the owner of R Lowe Signs and took great pride in his custom sign work. He loved going on drives, especially to Moosehead Lake in Maine. He was an avid football fan. You could catch him on any given Saturday and Sunday watching his two favorite teams play, the New England Patriots and Notre Dame. Robert was known for his quick wit and humor and would always make people laugh. The glance he gave when he knew someone was joking with him, is something his family will never forget. He also loved to tease his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He had a great love and had extreme pride when it came to his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Doris (Brooks) Lowe; His sons, Robert P. Lowe, III (Helen) of Belmont ME, Michael Lowe (Patricia) of Belmont ME, Kevin Lowe (Anne) of Londonderry NH, and Scott Lowe of Lowell MA; three daughters, Cathleen Carter of Orange City FL, Maureen Doucet (Stephan) of Londonderry NH, Colleen Hayden (Thomas) of Corrina ME, and his son in law Bruce Abbott of Dracut MA. His grandsons; Benjamin Lowe of Nashua NH, Brian Lowe of Belmont ME, Kevin, Sean and Ryan Lowe of Londonderry NH, Timothy and Lucas Hayden of Maine and Kurtis Tanguay of Londonderry NH. His granddaughters Katherine Loromeke of Lowell Ma, Katie Lucero of Bagdad, FL, Jamie Lavalley of Hudson NH, Erin Ketchum of Newport ME, Tabatha, and Tiffany Lowe of Belmont ME, Kerry Jimenez of Londonderry NH, and Kendra Jussaume of Dracut Ma, and 21 great grandchildren. His siblings; Sheila (William) Sullivan, and Barbara Bovill, of Chelmsford Ma, Norman (Jackie) Lowe of Lowell Ma, and Ronald Lowe of Hudson NH, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his two children, Jacquleen Abbott and Joseph R. Lowe, his sisters Sally Ratte and Roberta Mullin, his sister and brother-in-law Dianne Lowe and Thomas Bovill and his niece and nephew McKenzie Lowe and Russell Bovill.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family will be held on Friday, Jan. 29, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at The Peabody Funeral Home & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Funeral services will be held privately for the family. The burial will take place in the spring at The Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry, NH.

Family would like to thank the Rockingham VNA and Hospice and The Hospice House in Merrimack NH for the exceptional care they gave Robert these last few weeks.

School Board Deliberative Session

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Town Seeks Residents for Task Force to Address Water Issues

At Monday, Jan. 18, meeting of the Town Council, members announced its intention to create a community Task Force designed to address the rising concerns in Londonderry related to PFAS-related contamination in drinking water. It is contemplated that such Task Force will partner with NHDES to implement its recommendations for both a short-term (45 days) and long-term (9 months-plus) plan to evaluate and develop

solutions to address the PFAS impacts to drinking water affecting residents.

It is the Council's intention to adopt a formal Resolution creating such Task Force at its meeting on Feb. 1, 2021, and further defining the parameters of the Task Force.

In the meantime, the Council seeks Londonderry residents to serve on the Task Force as follows:

- Three members who are residents of Londonderry and who, by occupation or training, are environmental or chemical engineers or have a background in environmental science, toxicology, hydrogeology, etc.;

- Three members who are resident "at-large" members, with each living in geographically varied locations in the Town (i.e., one from the Matthew Thornton elementary district; one from the North School district; and one from the South School district). It is preferable that such members also have a background in engineering, science or public health.

To apply, find the Task Force Application on the town website and submit it to Lisa Drabik via email (ldrabik@londonderrynh.org) or

return it to the Town Manager's Office, in Town Hall. The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m.

Questions may be addressed to the Town Manager's office, 603-432-1100 x120.

The Council plans to conduct interviews for the Task Force at its meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7 p.m.

In addition to the resident members, the Task Force will be chaired by a member of the Town Council and will work in conjunction with staff from the Planning Department, Department of Public Works & Engineering, and the Office of the Town Manager.

In a letter to the town, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service provided a Framework for Addressing PFAS Contamination of Drinking Water in Londonderry on Jan. 15.

The NHDES stated that it is committed to partnering with the Town of Londonderry to evaluate and develop solutions to address the PFAS impacts to drinking water affecting their residents.

They outline both ongoing activities and potential short-, medium- and long-term actions that can be taken by NHDES and Londonderry.

It is important to note that it will be necessary to integrate a variety of component solutions in Londonderry due to the widespread nature of the PFAS contamination affecting both public water systems and non-public (private) wells. Implementing these solutions will require an education and outreach strategy to reduce misinformation and promote collaborative problem solving and ultimate acceptance of proposed

actions and solutions.

NHDES proposes to continue its work with the Town and other partners to gather the necessary information to more fully characterize the scope of the problem. As partners, we will then use that information to develop a package of solutions, the intent of which would be to comprehensively address contaminated drinking water in Londonderry. Following development of those solutions we would work together to advance them.

The solutions they hope to put together would be grouped into three categories

- Short-Term - (up to 45 days for implementation)
- Medium-Term - (start _ Potential rebate or reimbursement program for Point-of-Use and/or
- Long-Term (start now up to nine months)

OBITUARY

Samuel P. Deptula



Samuel P. Deptula, 32 of Londonderry, NH, passed into rest Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 in Eustis, ME following injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident. Sam was born in Derry, NH on June 13, 1988, a son of Paul and Patricia (Lanigan) Deptula. Sam grew up initially in Florence, MA and then moved to Sandwich, MA at the age of 11. Sam was employed as a mechanical engineer at B2Q Associates in Andover, MA.

Sam is survived by his beloved wife, Allison (O'Connor) Deptula of Londonderry, his son, Evan Deptula of Londonderry, his parents of Sandwich, MA, his brother, Benjamin Deptula and his wife Kerri of Taunton, MA, and his brother Michael Deptula, of Boston, MA, and his paternal grandparents, Stanley and Lucille Deptula of Sun City Center, FL.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing, and limited interaction with the family was held on Tuesday Jan. 26, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, seating at the church will be limited. The funeral mass will also be live streamed for those unable to attend in person at <https://m.facebook.com/STADerry/>. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to contribute to Evan Deptula's future educational expenses via a College Savings Plan set up through T. Rowe Price.

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Nearly 200,000 Granite Staters Sign Up for Vaccination

According to the state in a press release, since Friday, just under 200,000 citizens signed up for the vaccination as part of Phase 1B, and over 60% of those have already scheduled a location and time for their first shot.

“The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine is one of the largest logistical undertakings our state has ever faced,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “Our teams are working around the clock and our systems have worked as designed and ahead of schedule. New Hampshire is ready to

administer the vaccinations as fast as the federal government supplies it.”

The state currently receives an average shipment of 17,000 doses per week. Should production and shipments increase, the State will move up appointment slots as quickly as vaccines become available.

“All eligible individuals within Phase 1B are guaranteed to be scheduled for an appointment time,” said Perry Plummer, who has been appointed to manage vaccine rollout. “While appointments are cur-

rently being made into March and April, we urge folks to take the earliest appointment slot available and to remain patient.”

Following registration on vaccines.nh.gov, individuals will receive an email within 3-5 days to schedule their vaccination appointment. Medically vulnerable individuals must be referred by their primary care physician, and will receive an email within 3-5 days of the referral having been made.

The 2-1-1 Call Center continues to field a high volume of calls, having



Governor Chris Sununu toured the state’s fixed vaccination site in Londonderry as the first vaccinations were administered to individuals within Phase 1B. Courtesy photo.

processed 27,327 calls since Friday, January 22. Callers are asked to

remain patient and expect wait times. The first vaccinations

for those within Phase 1B will be administered tomorrow, Jan. 26.

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Reflections Winner



Matthew Thornton Reflections art program student Madeline Prado’s artwork for the

Division for her artwork “The Power of Protecting.” The artwork has been submitted to the state level for judging, and she should hear about the state judging by the end of February or beginning of March.

Madeline received a certificate and a ribbon for her efforts. This year’s theme was, “I Matter Because...”

Madeline said that she drew this image because she is kind and loving. She likes to protect first and second graders from being bullied because they are not big enough to defend themselves.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Gymnasts Begin Season with a Home Victory

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team started its winter season off on a very positive note on Thursday night, Jan. 21, by taking the top spots in three of the five categories and finishing with 122.5 team points to beat Bishop Guertin.

Due to the COVID-19

pandemic, the only other full team competing that evening was BG, although a number of other schools sent a small contingent.

As a team, Londonderry outscored the Cardinals 122.5 to 114.25.

Individually, starting with the Vault, Lancer sophomore, Ella Houghton, came in second place with a score of 8.5

out of a possible 9.6. Nikki Stone and Ashley Griffin also added to the score by tying for third place with an 8.0.

Head Coach Heather Lennon said, "This was Ella's first time competing her 'Tsuk Vault' and she did it beautifully without any hesitation."

On Bars, Lancer Makenna Lord placed second with a 7.7 out of a possible 8.6. Fellow Lancer Ella Houghton placed third with a 7.1.

On this event Lennon said, "We definitely had our struggles on bars, but for many of the girls, this was the first time competing those routines so we definitely have some room for improvement."

In the third event, the Beam, LHS senior Ashley Griffin placed first with an 8.3 out of a possible 9.5. Placing third, in a three-way tie, was Ella Houghton, Sophie Hagymas and Ava Ruppel who all scored a 7.9.

In the meet's final exercise of the evening, the Floor, Ella Houghton took the top spot with an 8.2 out of a possible 9.7. Sophomore Marlie Fitzgerald placed second with 7.6 and Sophie

Hagymas tied for third with 7.5.

"Competing in the Londonderry High School Gym on floor is not easy for any team, since we are the only high school who doesn't have a spring floor. This means the girls must focus on their technique in order to execute their tumbling and our girls did this beautifully," Lennon said.

In All Around, Ella Houghton, of Londonderry, scored a 31.7 to take first. Katelyn Cadotte of B.G., had a 30.2 for second place, and Marlie Fitzgerald of LHS got third with a 29.

Lennon was excited with the start, saying, "Overall the coaches couldn't have been happy with the way we competed. We have some areas where we can improve on but each meet shows us where we need to focus."

The team was sched-

uled to compete against their next meet, but with PA canceling all sports for the next two weeks, that event is most likely be cancelled.

Following that, the

team's next and final Pinkerton Academy in their next meet, but with the shortened season, will on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at home. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, fans are limited to just home-team family members.



Lancer gymnast Ella Houghton took first place in the floor exercise and in All Around at the first meet of the year. Photos by Chris Paul



Londonderry gymnast Ashley Griffin placed first on the beam last week

Correction: In last week's article on the girls basketball game against Windham High, we mistakenly attributed four point to Katherine Marshall when the points were actually scored by Kylee McGurn.

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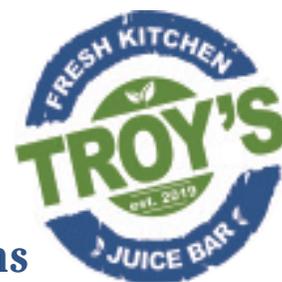
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Londonderry Boys Hoops Squad Drops Two to Cardinals

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The second week of winter sports was underway last week, and the Londonderry Boys Varsity Basketball team had two tough contests against a very strong opponent. In those two games against the Bishop Guertin Cardinals, the Lancers wound up dropping each of the games.

On Tuesday night, Jan. 19, BG won 58-41 in Londonderry. On Friday night, Jan. 22, the Lancer squad kept things closer, but still fell to the Cardinals by a score of 59-51.

In the first game, the Londonderry boys kept pace with their opponents in all but one quar-

ter. The first quarter saw the teams separated by only two points, 12-10. By the end of the half, BG had a slim lead of one point, 25-24.

In the third, the Cards opened things up by outscoring the Lancer 16-4, which proved to be a deficit the LHS boys could not overcome.

The final quarter was taken 17-13 by the BG boys, capping off the 58-41 victory.

Lancer senior Jackson Cox led the team in scoring with 16. Brian Gould and Mike Rosatano both had eight points in the game. Zack Furlong had three and Wil Reyes had two.

Manny Water rounded out the scoring with one point.

In the game at Bishop Guertin, the LHS squad was more consistent in their scoring, but the result still ended in a tough loss.

The Nashua squad outscored LHS in each quarter by slim margins. The first quarter ended 11-10 and the second finished at 24-22. In the third period the Cards maintained the lead by scoring 14 to the Lancer's 12-points. The game ended 59-51, a much closer result than the Tuesday night contest.

Once again, Cox led the team in scoring, this time with an outstanding 25 point effort.

Sophomore Kevin Rouke had 11 points and Gould had six. Also scoring were Rekes, 3; Tyler Miles, Aiden Warren and Rosatano had two-points each.

Coach Nate Stanton commented after the game, "I'm very proud of my guys tonight and how hard they fought. We are getting better and certainly coming together. We were down by three with 26 seconds left and just didn't execute. We will next time!"

The team was scheduled to play two games against Salem High School this week, the first in Salem on Tuesday, and the second at home on Friday night.



Lancer senior small forward Zack Furlong.
Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer Hockey Team Will Look for First Win in Week Two

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Hockey team finished the first week of winter season without a win, but hope to turn things around in the second week.

Their hockey season started with a close 4-2 loss to Bishop Guertin on Monday morning,

Jan. 18, but later in the week, the team was outpaced by BG 10-2.

In the second game, which took place on Saturday, Jan. 23, senior captain, Zach Rheault scored his second goal of the young season with an assist by defensive freshman Brandon Morin.

Junior forward Drew Nutter was the only

other Lancer to score in this lopsided contest.

Londonderry is scheduled to continue its quest for their first win this week against the Salem High School Blue Devils.

The first game will take place on their home ice at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett. Game two will be on Salem's home ice.



The Lancer Hockey Team had a hard time penetrating the Bishop Guertin defense in the first two games of the season. The team hopes to rebound against Salem this week. Photo by Chris Paul

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Londonderry Girls Basketball Fall to State Champions

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Girls Varsity Basketball team began its second week of winter sports last week, and had two tough contests against the five-time reigning Division I Champions from Nashua. In those two games against the Bishop Guertin Lady

Cardinals, the Lancers dropped each game, but showed great heart in the losses.

On Tuesday night, Jan. 19, BG won 80-26 in Nashua. On Friday night, Jan. 22, the Lady Lancer squad kept things closer, but still fell short by a score of 53-36.

In the first game, on the Lady Cards home

court, the Londonderry girls suffered an 80-26, blowout loss.

In the Friday night game, at home, the result was vastly better for Londonderry, but the home squad fell short in the fourth quarter as the BG contingent outscored them 23-9 to finish the contest.

In the first three

quarters of the game the Londonderry defense was able to keep the game within reach, but the fourth quarter had the BG girls really stepping up their defense and the offense went on a three-pointer barrage that sealed the game up.

To Londonderry's credit, the Lady Lancers allowed the Cardinals to

score only twice in the third period for five points. The LHS girls scored 15 times in that quarter, and brought the score to within just two points to open quarter number four.

In the loss, Senior Ashley Rouke was the high scorer for the Lancers with 12-points. Sarah Clegg and Olivia Chau each had seven points.

Sophomore Jordan Furlong had six points, while Kylee McGurn and Katherine Marshall had two points each.

The Lady Lancers were scheduled for two games against Salem High School this week, the first in Salem on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at home and the second will be in Salem on Friday night, Jan. 29.



Senior forward Sarah Clegg gets the basket and a foul during Friday night's game with BG.



Ashley Rouke score 12-points against BG at home on Friday night. Photos by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 17



Brandon White
Senior, Boys Swim Team

Brandon is a talented swimmers who has contributed heavily this year and has qualified for five events after just two meets.



Katie Witkop
Senior, Girls Swim Team

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Founding Fathers

Starting on Monday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m., join Public Services Librarian Matt Fuller as he reviews different types of media on America's founding fathers. If you would like to check out these items, contact the Leach Library reference staff at 432-1132 or reference@londonderry.nh.org.

Craft Time Virtual Program

Starting on Monday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft time will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page. Miss Laura will show us how to design a Paint-a-Dot pirate craft with water or other coloring materials. Please call the library at 432-1132 to reserve a time to pick up your kit today.

Young Adult Craft Virtual Program

Starting on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page. Follow along with Miss Megan to create a fun origami book-mark craft! Please call the

library at 432-1132 to reserve a time to pick up a craft sheet.

Story Time Virtual Program

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m., follow along as Miss Jennifer reads "Colby the Courageous Cat"! This story time features a book written by Londonderry author Janice Spina and illustrated by her husband John Spina.

Republican Meeting

Come, hear, and discuss what your NH State Representatives are standing for and have put into motion as well as learn LRC's the 2021-22 goals on Feb. 18, Thursday, 7 - 8:30 p.m., at 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. Newly re-elected Chairperson, Liz Thomas, will conduct the election process for the floor nominated biennial officers of Secretary and Treasurer. A quorum of members in good standing is required to certify the election.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist

and register voters on: Feb. 27, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. For questions contact: Kristin Grages, Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry, 603-432-1100, ext 198.

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Free Stress Management Workshop

An on demand workshop by the Upper Room. View at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. To learn more contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org.

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A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of the month and online options are also available. Call (603) 437-8477 x117 to register and get more information.

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To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

Legion Meals

Every Sunday Post 27 is serving food prepared by members during the 1 p.m., football game. Legionnaires eat for free and there is \$5 donation for everyone else. Please wear a mask when entering and moving around within the Post. The bartender will ask for your cell number as part of our contact tracing. Located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire

station on Mammoth Rd.)

COVID-19 Response Help Needed

The South Central NH Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting medical and non-medical volunteers to help with the COVID-19 Response in the region. Are you a practicing or retired medical professional or a concerned local citizen (with or without medical expertise), and interested in assisting your community during an emergency? The MRC provides communities with medical and nonmedical volunteers trained to assist in the event of public health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at katemacdonald@catsnh.org or 603-505-7216.

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: bit.ly/tipsttopics

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

Caregiver Resource Line

Have parenting questions? Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and contact number, and a trained professional will return your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please call 911.



Meet River! This beautiful Georgia girl is a lab mix, about 2-3 years old and loves spending time with others! Whether it's going for a jog or cuddling on the couch, she is right there with you. But as much as she loves her young and old human friends, she's a little pickier when it comes to her fellow canines. Because of this, we'd like to see her go to a home with no other dogs or a calm one. She hasn't been around any cats yet, so we're unsure how she is around them. River's foster describes her as super cute, loving and the perfect addition to the right family.

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Raising another's child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free

weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA-Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org. Grandparent PASTA

Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online

counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizabeth@urteachers.org.

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wed-

nesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Road, Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be

meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Jan. 18
8:43 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Chestnut Hill Drive
10:11 a.m. Trespassing investigated on Windsor Boulevard.

4:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Power Lines on Hovey Road.
7:04 p.m. A Motor Vehicle Check results in an arrest at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham

Road. Sean Barnes, 30, of Concord was charged with Inhaling Toxic Vapors for Effect.
7:10 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Harvey Road.
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7:29 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Game Changer Sports Bar & Grill on Orchard View Drive

9:23 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Columbia Drive.

Tuesday - Jan. 19

8:52 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Sparhawk Drive.

10:53 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

4:18 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for an Airport Alert at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:32 p.m. Criminal Mis-

chief investigated on Boyd Road.

8:50 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers at Nutfield Petroleum on Nashua Road

Wednesday - Jan. 20

10:48 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Stonehenge Road.

11:53 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

3:16 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Misty Lane.

4:39 p.m. Car Break Ins Reported on Hardy Road.

8:46 p.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Mill Road.

Thursday - Jan. 21

7:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint results in an arrest made on Shasta Drive. Adam Gaw, 40, of Londonderry charged with Operating a Vehicle After Certified as a Habitual Offender; and Driving after License Revoked/Suspended.

10:08 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Mercury Drive.

3:21 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Stonehenge Road.

4:41 p.m. Services rendered for Structure Fire at Uni-Cast on Industrial Drive.

6:27 p.m. Five officers respond to a report of Drug Offenses at the Sleep Inn on Perkins

Road, which results in the transportation to a hospital. James Mackey, 28, of New Hampton charged with having Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

8 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on High Range Road.

9:41 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

10:09 p.m. Trespassing investigated by four officers at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

Friday - Jan. 22

9:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Webster Lane. Edith Castro, 40, of Manches-

ter charged with Operating a Vehicle without a Valid License.

11:10 a.m. Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Mountain Home Road.

11:43 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Mercury Drive. Melissa Mertz, 31, of Londonderry charged with two counts of Disorderly Conduct; and two counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

12:13 p.m. Services rendered by a Conservation Ranger on Mayflower Drive.

2:32 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Pillsbury Road.

6:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on South Road.

7:04 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Old Derry Road.

Saturday - Jan. 23

12:59 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Stonehenge Road.

7:02 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Manter Mill Road.

7:22 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Grist Mill Hollow Road.

10:15 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Manter Mill Road.

10:25 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mis-

chief on Faye Lane.

10:39 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Faye Lane.

12:14 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Manter Mill Road.

12:21 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Hunter Mill Way.

12:33 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Old Derry Road.

Sunday - Jan. 24

1:22 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Oriole Lane.

1:42 a.m. Services rendered by four officers Suspicious Activity at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

3:11 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated by three officers at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

11:20 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Faye Lane.

2:14 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Hardy Road.

2:39 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Hunter Mill Way.

4:27 p.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on Chase Road.

11:57 p.m. Services rendered in assisting another Police Department on Stonehenge Road.

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