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## In Session

Schools across the state were closed starting last week due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, and this week students will be working from home as the Londonderry School District begins its "Remote Learning." There has not been a time table given yet as to when school may get back to normal, but indications it won't be soon. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Londonderry Community Comes Together with Volunteer Services

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As Londonderry resident and nurse, Jen Sevigny, points out, "This is a very unsettling time for all of us and it is also an opportunity for the community to

come together and make a real impact to help everyone get through this challenge." She says she recognized there was a need for certain public services, once she started seeing the rapid spread of the virus in the

home health care field where she serves as a nurse.

Sevigny connected over the past week with Londonderry Town officials including Assistant Town Manager, Lisa Dra-

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## Town Council Reorganizes, Resets Actions Given COVID-19 Concerns

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At the recent Town Council Meeting on March 16th, the Council began with a Town Council reorganization, as set forward by residents selecting a new council members at this month's town election. Councilors welcomed new Town Council member, Deb Paul and then chose John Farrell to continue as Chairman and Joe Green to continue as the Vice Chair.

Councilor Green was not in the room but was on the phone as a member of his family was

recently tested for the COVID-19 virus. The councilor was advised not to come into the building at this time. Under NH State guidelines, Green was able to join the meeting via teleconferencing.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien provided an update about the town's status, actions and processes that have been set up to deal with the COVID-19 virus pandemic. The Fire Chief is a primary contact for the town's safety and welfare regarding the current virus emergency situation. Chief O'Brien provided an updated report

concerning the metrics of those individuals counted in the NH pandemic crisis numbers.

At the date this news story was written, there are about 1000 people with pending tests for the virus in NH, and about 600 people who are now being monitored as having come in contact with a virus carrier. About 60 NH residents have tested positive for the virus including over 20 cases that have tested positive in Rockingham County. These numbers are up substantially from the Town council report last

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## Londonderry School Dining Services Serving the Town

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The COVID-19 crisis is hitting our community hard and school buildings in NH are closed for time being. Students who get meals from school dining services for breakfast and lunch have lost access to these regular meals. However the school district has taken steps of compassion to assist these students directly and safely.

Over this past week, the Londonderry School District's dining service set up a drive-thru with grab-and-go meals waiting for students outside

Londonderry High School for students who have been stuck without normal meal logistics in place. "We're giving them what they need for the next two days," said Amanda Venezia, Director of Dining Services, about last week's meals support on the first day that the school buildings were closed down. "Breakfast and lunch for Monday, breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, and then we'll see them again on Wednesday, then we will give them three more breakfasts and three more lunches (for this week)."

During the London-

derry District school closure timeline, the dining services grab-and-go meal drive ups will continue. Times for these meal pickups are now set up to occur from 11 a.m. until noon on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Director Venezia has pointed out that this is a critical time for families,

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Just before school was suspended due to the Coronavirus Pandemic South Elementary School held its annual Talent Show. There were 15 contestants vying for the votes of their peers and four students were named as winner. First Place went Emerson Dodge for singing; Second Place was awarded to Logan Thompson and Owen Dutil for their Comedy Act; Third Place was given to Paige Fortier a dancer; and the School Choice vote went to Zach Fortier for his multi-sport Bongo Boarding talents.

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## Volunteer

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bik, who also reached out to the Town's Executive Assistant, Kirby Brown, to help support a volunteer program targeted to assist seniors and others with health issues. Brown has graciously offered to be the contact person for people seeking help, as well as a contact for others who may want to offer volunteer support.

Are you a senior or an immunocompromised resident of Londonderry looking for assistance? For example, do you need help with Grocery Shopping, Post Office Runs, Pharmacy Pick-Ups, etc. during the COVID-19 Cri-

sis? If so, please contact Kirby Brown at kbrown@londonderry-nh.org or call (603) 432-1100 x 120.

Provide your contact information and needs so Brown can put you in touch with an amazing group of Londonderry residents who are stepping up to volunteer their services. Looking to help others get through this challenging time? This initiative can benefit with more volunteers — contact Kirby Brown if you want to help. Brown says, "Market Basket is also helping by allowing us to bring flyers they will place in the bags when seniors do their shopping in the special morning times now set up by

the store."

Sevigny told us about her inspiration for this initiative. She says, "I was talking to my mother, and she told me she heard on the news about an elderly couple waiting in their car outside of a supermarket, who were afraid to go in. They were fearful of contracting the Coronavirus. They asked a stranger to go in a purchase what they needed, and it made me think about how vulnerable they were, not only to catch the virus, but to be potentially taken advantage of during this time. At that moment, I felt compelled to reach out to my community and offer my assistance."

"That night, I wrote a

post on a Londonderry NH Moms Facebook page and I offered assistance to the high-risk population and encouraged people to join me. I was so overwhelmed by the response and the amount of people in Londonderry offering to help. We have such great people in our community." Sevigny says she and others now supporting this effort are open to hearing about other needs people may think of as well. She says, "Once someone contacts Kirby, she forwards me the information — I will then, reach out to the individual."

As a nurse, Sevigny understands that not all volunteers may feel comfortable interacting with others to support certain requests at this time, so she will try to facilitate certain requests herself within her expertise as a health care worker.

Sevigny notes, "I want the public to feel at ease knowing we will be taking extra precautions intended to minimize risks and avert transmission of the virus." She continues, "My plan is to review infection control measures such as proper hand washing technique and hygiene, appropriate storage of items, etc. with each volunteer prior to them providing volunteer services."

Nurse Sevigny also states, "I will also ask volunteers to refrain from volunteer work if they have had a recent fever or any symptoms consistent with Covid-19. And to promote social distancing, I will ask volunteers to run these errands while they are out doing their own errands. Also, to minimize contact, I will ask that items be placed at a designated place outside

the person's home." She says there is also the idea that if people cannot donate their time, but want to do something else, they might consider donating hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for volunteers to use while they are out doing the errands. "I wanted to do my part in decreasing the spread of the Coronavirus," she says. "I knew I could use my healthcare training to help make a difference. Following the news, I have been very concerned for the high-risk population—the elderly and immunocompromised."

This is time to be safe, while helping others — where it is appropriate — to get through this historic challenge; Londonderry is blessed with good folks who know what actions to take and keep our community strong.

## Dinning

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and the drive-thru meals not only provide young people with necessities they might not have access to, but these actions also provide a sense of connection to normalcy for these students as they prepare for remote access and virtual classrooms.

Dinning Services Director Venezia wants school families to know there is food and smiles available for them during this crisis. She says, "Just come with your kids. We want to see them. We want to smile and wave and let them know that

we're here for them during this difficult time."

Londonderry's school district is currently paying for the food for students on the free or reduced lunch program, as the district awaits federal funding that is being worked out. Students who need assistance and are not in that program can also pay just \$1.75 for breakfast and lunch during this time. This program is also being considered for expansion for others in the community and with support for certain types of delivery services. Check out the School District and Town web sites for updated information about this

situation if you are interested.

Given the food hoarding that has taken place over the past several weeks, some stores in Londonderry and nearby areas have had little or no supplies of certain basic foods that are needed for typical lunch or breakfast meals. Londonderry Dining Services has stepped up to the plate, and that says a lot of good things about our community. Londonderry resident and parent, Laura Morgan said, "It's definitely a help, since a lot of us weren't able to get bread or the basic things so far, so it's a help."

## State Extends Vehicle Registrations

Governor Sununu just announced recently that all 20-day temporary plates issued after March 1, for Newly Acquired vehicles have been extended through April 30, 2020.

NOTE: At this time, the State has NOT extended the deadline for vehicle

registration renewals. Rather, they can be done online via towns website portals.

They can also be sent via the U.S. Postal Service. Please contact the Clerks' office with any questions or if you need.

New Applications for Elderly, Disabled, and

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# Editorial

## Bring Out the Best in You

When the world throws a curveball whether we like it or not, it is all part life, things beyond our control happen all the time. We only have control over how we respond to a situation.

Some people will rise to the occasion while others will show what they are truly made of. One of the biggest hurdles we face is how we handle difficult situations.

The truth is, these situations tend to bring out the best and the worst in people.

It amazes me that some people capitalize on other people's misfortune. Some use it to make money, by creating scams to rip people off. If you believe in karma, as I do, these folks are in deep trouble.

Keep in mind that difficult situations are part of life. Accepting the situation helps you overcome it. Once you confront your fear of the situation you will overcome it, and be better at dealing with whatever life throws at you.

Lessons are learned from challenging situations, just like a rainbow after a storm. How we handle these situation is what builds character, and makes us resilience.

It is these challenges, that we face in life that will only make us stronger and give us confidence to conquer any obstacles.

Respond positively and constructively to challenges, and show quali-

ties of strength, and courage, that is when your true character emerges from deep inside of you, allowing ourselves to think more clearly, we are able to let go of self-defeating and unproductive thoughts and get down to the business of dealing with what's before us.

By being courageous, and run toward the problem rather than away from it, taking action.

Be supportive, give without being asked, be selfless. Face this new reality, and find a way to deal with it rather than withdraw from it. Be mindful of what really matters and appreciate what you already have.

Most of all be hopeful have faith. Hope motivates you to stay the course in hard times and gives you reason to pause. Hope also has a way of saying that even a bad start can still have a happy ending.

Let a difficult situation bring out the best in you.

There is hope in everyone who extends their hand to those they don't know. Many of these folks are not rich or famous; they're like you and me. They're willing to lend a hand, knowing that the shoe can be on the other foot tomorrow.

There action serve as a constant reminder that even though the world is large, one person can still make a world of difference. Be a role model that makes you proud. In times like these, bring out the best in you.

# Letters

## Thanks for Mack's Apples

To the ditor,

We would like to thank the Mack family and employees of Mack's Apples, also known as Moose Hill Orchards for their outstanding help and generosity to the Girl Scouts in the region.

Every year they are kind enough to dedicate their warehouse to receiving and disbursing cases and cases of Girl Scout cookies.

27 Girl Scout troops arrived on March 6th at Mack's facility where they loaded over 1760 cases of cookies, which translated to 21,120 boxes of cookies, which were then distributed to all the families who ordered from us.

The Mack family is legendary for their philanthropy to organizations in the area for years. We at the Girl Scouts owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for helping us every year with our major fundraiser.

Holly Trow  
Londonderry/Litchfield  
Girl Scout Unit 205

help with any meals provided for their children at dinner time or on weekends when the schools are not giving out meals.

Eddie Leon  
La Carreta Mexican  
Restaurant

## Thank You All

To the editor

Thanks to all of you I was elected to a position on the School Board! I look forward to serving our amazing students, teachers, administration and Town and working with the other members of the board to make our district the best in the State. Congratulations to Amy Finamore for also being elected to the board. Also thank you to Greg DePasse for stepping up and running for a position and volunteering his time to serve our Town.

Thank you all for your amazing support and I will do my best to be a small part of moving our district forward in the right direction.

Bob Slater  
Londonderry

## Resturant Delivery

To the editor,

We are now offering a delivery, if people want curbside pick up we will do that, normal takeout.

We have created family meals rather than individual meals. We can now sell beer and wine by the bottle or the can. We are also going to be selling batches of our homemade margarita mix ready to go just to add tequila and ice.

And we are also telling people to reach out to us via Facebook that need

## Response to Shirley Visnor Letter on March 5

To the editor,

It's wonderful that Shirley received help from "Ilona" who delivers meals on wheels from Derry and that the proper departments in Londonderry responded. However if I did not know better I would have felt Londonderry Senior Center were the ones who handled this situation. It was Derry! Londonderry does not do homebound delivery.

Rockingham Nutrition

& Meals on Wheel on program, in Derry - Meals on Wheels delivers approximately 200 meals daily, to those in the Derry, Auburn, Chester, and Londonderry. Approximately 1,300 meals weekly to people who are home bound.

Not only do they deliver meals but they check see there people are okay and follow through at the Derry Meals on Wheels - Marion Gerrish Building.

I go to Derry Meals occasionally, Krista, Jen and Stacy, all the drivers and Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels bend over backwards for all their congruities.

They deserve to be recognized. Kudos to Derry Meals on Wheels.

Deanne Mele,  
Londonderry

## The Hoarding Public

To the editor,

The coronavirus outbreak has panicked people into hoarding food, paper products and sanitizing compounds. Consumers across the country are conducting binge purchases of these products and most supermarkets are reporting bare shelves and difficulty in restocking these products. The binging activity is very un-American.

There is no need for people to be stocking up on food and other supplies that will last for a year or more. It is reported consumers are purchasing large quantities of toilet paper. Maybe they should be eating less so they can cut back on their defecation and use less toilet paper.

My wife and I shopped

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# Cost Effective Broadband Internet Access is Now Vital

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As town operations go virtual and local public-school classrooms are set up for remote access, the need for dependable internet is now greater than ever. As phone/communication systems are connected via internet telephony, while workers begin working remotely from their homes, reliable and fast internet access is a key component for all of us who are facing the challenges we face today.

Internet is now a life necessity for most of us right now, as staying connected to the outside world, while supporting social distancing is vital for us all. Town contracts with our primary internet provider Comcast (Xfinity) are important for the community and residential usage of Comcast internet connections is as pervasive as bandwidth usage for internet is about to increase.

In light of the pandemic that has changed our lives already, Comcast is stepping up to ensure our town and other NH residents can leverage

the internet to help them get through this time period cost effectively, efficiently and safely. In that regard, Comcast is taking steps to implement new policies for the next 60 days, as well as to support other important initiatives that may be helpful to our community.

Xfinity WiFi hotspots in NH and across the country are now available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit [www.xfinity.com/wifi](http://www.xfinity.com/wifi). Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinity-wifi” network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch their device browser. There are now over 300,000 Xfinity WiFi hotspots in New England.

With so many people working from home and with remote access education now in place for students, Comcast wants residents to be able to access the internet without worrying about their data plans. While the vast majority of Comcast

customers don't use 1TB of data in a month, the company has now set up a policy for the next 60 days to give all customers Unlimited data for no additional charge.

Comcast is also implementing a policy of no disconnects or late fees during this period. Comcast will not disconnect a customer's internet service or assess late fees provide customers contact Comcast to let them know they can't pay their bills during this period. There are Comcast care teams that will be available to offer flexible payment options and help find other solutions to keep everyone connected during this difficult time.

Comcast's President of Consumer Services, Dana Strong, reports, “As our country continues to manage the COVID-19 emergency, we recognize our company plays an important role in helping our customers stay connected to their families, their workplaces, their schools, and the latest information about the virus, through the Internet.”

Strong says, “We also know that for millions of low-income Americans who don't have Internet service at home, this uncertain time is going to be even more difficult to manage. As schools and businesses close and families are encouraged, or even mandated, to stay home, Internet connectivity becomes even more important. At Comcast, we've been looking for ways to help through our Internet Essentials program, which is the nation's largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program for low-income Americans.”

Comcast Internet Essentials is now free for new customers. This program has now been set up to make it easier for hard pressed, low-income families who live in our town or other Comcast service areas to sign-up for Internet Essentials.

With this program now, new customers can receive 60 days of free of charge Internet Essentials service. Internet Essentials is normally available to qualified low-

income households for \$9.95/month. Additionally, for all new and existing Internet Essentials customers, the speed of this program's Internet service has been increased to 25 Mbps downstream (for web access and downloads) and 3 Mbps upstream (for file or media uploads). That increase is being put into effect for no additional fee and is now the base bandwidth speed for this program going forward.

For those with school-age students at home, Comcast has also created new educational collections for all grade levels in partnership with Common Sense Media.

To help keep customers informed, there is now a collection of the most current news and information about the impact of the Coronavirus, as well as information and answers for customers about the recent internet usage process. That site is [www.xfinity.com/prepare](http://www.xfinity.com/prepare).

According to Comcast officials, the company's technology and engineer-

ing teams are working diligently to support network operations in the face of more internet access that is now required as lifestyles are impacted and require the need for more internet usage.

Network capacity is being updated further to handle spikes and shifts in usage patterns, and Comcast says they have engineers who are continuously testing, monitoring and enhancing systems networking to ensure there is support for today's expanded customer usage.

Comcast Network operations centers are staffed with experts 24/7 to ensure network performance and reliability and Comcast says they have been monitoring network usage increases, as well as watching network loads locally for Londonderry and nationally. Comcast technical teams report that to date, their network is performing well and is prepared for the heavier loads that have been ramping up due to the current global crisis.

## Letters

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twice last week and we went through the express line of 12 items or less both times, which is typical food shopping for us.

It is reported that

some people have been receiving their paychecks and going to supermarkets to shop for food, but they find empty shelves.

Supermarkets should limit the purchase of some items so there will be enough to go around.

As a country we have to provide much better consideration for our fellow Americans. Everyone should be able to provide food and other essentials to their families.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry



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# Local Supermarkets Deal With COVID-19 Shopping

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu enacted a State of Emergency for New Hampshire, and residents have been storing up at local grocery stores, the supermarket chains have started to adjust their policies and hours. Below are the ways some of the bigger chains will be coping with the pandemic.

## MARKET BASKET

In a letter to customers online, Market Basket says that they share the ongoing concern regarding COVID-19. They are assuring customers that they have a proactive effort in place to safeguard the well-being of our customers, associates, and suppliers while doing their best to maintain food inventories in stores.

Market Basket stores are open every day from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

starting March 19, customers 60 and over will be allowed to shop during pre-opening hours from 5:30 a.m. to 7 a.m.

They also shared information about the preventive measures being implemented to keep stores safe.

## Sanitation & Hygiene:

- We are increasing the frequency of cleaning all regularly touched contact surfaces including door handles, windows, registers, counters, tables, chairs, handle baskets, carriage handles, restroom facilities, and additional common areas.

- We have increased communication with all associates regarding sanitation practices and essential hygiene.

- Protocols are in place to prevent potential illness, through emphasizing proper hand washing and hygiene practices.

- Specifically, all associates have been reminded to wash hands often for at least 20 seconds with warm, soapy water.

- Hand sanitizer con-

tinues to be made available to associates.

- Associates who handle or prepare ready to eat foods are required to wear gloves and change them often, combined with frequent hand washing.

- Checkout areas, deli slicers, and additional equipment are being wiped down and disinfected at least every four hours.

- Market's Café has removed single use condiments, and that can be provided to customers as requested.

## Social Distancing:

- Food sampling is discontinued at this time.

- In-dining seating areas have been temporarily closed.

- Associates and vendors are reminded to:

- Discontinue shaking hands.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Stay home when you are sick or if you are caring for someone who is sick at home.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then properly discard the tissue.

- Associates will be sent home if they are experiencing symptoms.

- CDC guidelines suggest that anyone (customers, associates, and vendors) that is experiencing symptoms com-

monly associated with the Coronavirus refrain from going to public places and to contact their doctor.

## Product Stock:

- We are working with suppliers to keep high-demand products in stock, as well as replenishing supplies in a timely fashion.

- Where demand nationwide is pressuring product supplies, we have implemented limits on select items such as toilet paper and sanitizer products.

For the most updated information about COVID-19, please check with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) or your local health authority.

## SHAW'S

In a letter from Vivek Sankaran at Albertsons Companies, the owner of the Shaw's Supermarket chain, they say Steps Being Taken at Shaw's Grocery Stores.

The letter from Sankaran on the companies website states:

At Albertsons Companies, we know the important roles our store and pharmacy play in your life and we are grateful for the trust you put in us for your needs. As the situation around Coronavirus has developed, we have been and will continue to monitor all information



The Toilet paper aisle at the Shaw's supermarket was mostly barren this week. Photo by Chris Paul

locally, nationally and globally so we can plan how to best serve you. I wanted to take a moment to share some of the things our team is doing:

- Running Clean Stores and Pharmacies. We have stepped up how often we clean and disinfect all departments, restrooms, and other high-touch points of the store, like checkstands and service counters. Cart wipes and hand sanitizer stations have been installed in key locations within the stores for your convenience, too. As always, we encourage customers to wash their fresh and packaged produce before consuming at home.

- In-Stock Items. In many markets, we are asking customers to

respect quantity limits of select, high-demand items (like hand sanitizers and household cleaners) to help ensure more of our neighbors can find the products they need. We're refilling high-demand products as quickly as we can.

- Taking Care of Our Team. All of our associates are encouraged to follow the CDC's recommendations to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy. We are encouraging our associates to stay home when they feel ill, and are working with our Human Resources team to ensure that every member of our team who faces a crisis can have peace of mind that we will help them get through it. Please help us

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# Grocery

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keep our store associates and community safe by considering use of our Grocery Delivery or Drive Up & Go services if you have a fever or flu symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath.

- **Planning for Local Needs.** Our team is also planning to make sure we can serve you if your community becomes impacted in a significant way. From a single case to local community outbreaks or situations, we have plans to keep our stores and pharmacies open and serving our communities.

- **Shopping for You.** Our Grocery Delivery, Pharmacy Delivery, and Drive Up & Go services are still available to you. You can find more information at your store's website (Albertsons.com, for example; see below for our complete list). Our E-commerce team is following enhanced sanitization protocols for all of their equipment, and washing their hands and using hand sanitizer before every order. We've created "Contact Free" delivery procedures for our team and changed our signature processes so that our delivery drivers can sign for you when delivering your order, after completing an ID check, if necessary. Please use our "Contact Free" procedures if you or a household member has a fever or flu symptoms.

- **Taking Care of You.** Your health is important to us. Just as our team continues to follow the CDC's guidance on staying healthy, we encourage you to do so, too. And don't forget that our pharmacists are also available to help answer questions you might have or to offer advice for keeping you and your families healthy year-round.

We know your grocery store and local pharmacy

are central to the community. It is a space we share every day. Maintaining your trust is a responsibility we all take very seriously. On behalf of our entire team, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your community.

## HANNAFORD

In a letter posted on the Hannaford supermarket chain, they outlined the steps being taken at their stores:

As of Thursday, March 19, we have paused the Hannaford To Go online shopping service temporarily to redirect those associates to restocking store shelves as quickly as possible for all customers. Service will resume at the end of March. This action is one of many difficult decisions being made, amid unprecedented demand for product, to focus associates on replenishing items in our supermarkets as quickly as possible and supporting customers throughout the store in meeting their most-important needs. We will update you here, and by email should there be any changes or if service can be restored earlier.

From Hannaford President, Mike Vail:

As the scope and impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, Hannaford remains focused on providing you and our communities with the food, medicine, and other essentials your family needs. We are closely monitoring the situation and reacting quickly to changing circumstances.

Our whole community is facing unprecedented challenges. To help, Hannaford is pledging \$250,000 in donations to support local food banks. This will support them in fulfilling their crucial role of providing food to those at risk of going hungry. We also have implemented a program that makes it easy for you to donate

toward hunger relief, right at your local store.

As we have all seen, a surge in demand for goods has challenged food retailers and caused low inventory and out-of-stock conditions in our stores. We know this is frustrating. However, please be confident that our supply chain is healthy and resilient. We are identifying new sources for high-demand items. Hannaford is bringing product into our distribution centers every day and getting it out to stores as quickly as possible.

At stores, we are simplifying how we do things so that our associates can focus on refilling shelves with that product and serving our customers' most-important needs. To help us, we hope you will shop only for what you truly need. This will help ensure others have access to those products too.

I want to emphasize that the health and safety of our associates, customers

and communities is job one for us, and we are following the guidance of public health officials closely. Among the actions we are taking on your behalf and to support health in the community, we are:

- Shortening our daily hours of operation to provide time for additional cleaning and to restock shelves. Effective Saturday, March 21, most stores will now be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, with a few closing at 8 p.m. on certain days.

- Adding a dedicated time when customers who are 60 or over and individuals identified as being identified by the CDC as at high risk may shop, providing them with the opportunity to have more social distance while in the store. These special hours for our 60+ customers are 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each

week. We are asking our local communities to help us ensure the integrity of this measure. Our goal in this effort is to limit occupancy in the stores during this time.

Additionally, Hannaford home office associates are working from home to help slow the spread of COVID-19. In our stores, our associates have comprehensive cleaning and hygiene practices in place to ensure our stores remain safe spaces to work and visit.

What's happening in our stores:

We continue to take

steps to protect our shoppers, our associates, and our communities. We have exhaustive and thorough food safety practices. We maintain rigorous cleaning procedures and strict hygiene techniques that are most effective at combating viruses. And, we are asking associates who are feeling unwell to stay home. The health and safety of our customers and associates is our top priority.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Con-

trol and Prevention (CDC).

And in accordance with recommendations and guidance from local and national health authorities, we are prepared to take additional steps should the outbreak become more widespread in the communities we serve.

We are working around the clock to ensure that we are as well stocked as we possibly can be. We have placed purchase limits on high demand items in order to make them available for as many customers as possible.

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Mr. Steer Meats has been in the town of Londonderry since 1975.

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# Eversource Assures Reliable Service During COVID-19 Pandemic

As COVID-19 continues to impact communities across its service territory, Eversource is working to ensure safe, reliable service for customers during these challenging times while also protecting the health of its employees and customers. Beginning last week, the energy company implemented several measures to reduce in-person employee interaction in its facilities, including a work-from-home requirement for employees who can do so, as well as enhanced cleaning measures.

"We develop and up-

date emergency response plans on an annual basis and are currently operating under our emergency pandemic plan," said Eversource Chairman, President and CEO Jim Judge. "Among other things, this allows us to focus our resources where they are needed most – ensuring the smooth and stable operation of our electric, gas and water operations. We are an essential part of the communities we serve across New England, and as a provider of critical services, are committed to supporting our customers and employees during this

uncertain time."

As of last week, Eversource began taking measures to alleviate any financial concerns its customers may face: Suspending customer disconnections for nonpayment. Assisting customers with financial programs, such as setting up a payment plan.

Reminding customers to download the mobile app which allows customers to check their account, pay their bill and much more at their convenience.

Warning customers of increased scam activity due to the COVID-19 outbreak—customers should

be wary of any unsolicited calls that threaten to disconnect utility service and that demand payment by unusual means. Eversource will never ask for personal information over the phone in this manner and does not accept payments via gift cards or other common tools used by scammers. Also, as previously mentioned, disconnections for nonpayment have been suspended.

From an operational perspective, Eversource is: Continuing to plan for brief and targeted electric outages only when they are required to perform critical work to ensure

reliability.

Reducing non-critical field-work in our gas operations that requires access to homes or businesses.

Making sure all its field resources and support staff continue to be at the ready in the event of a storm or other disruption not related to COVID-19.

Additionally, Eversource has enacted measures and guidelines for employees to ensure its workforce remains ready to serve customers and maintain its electric, gas, and water networks, including: Postponing employee travel, cancel-

ing large meetings and business gatherings.

Requiring employees who can work remotely to do so, reducing in-person interaction.

Creating new procedures – including cleaning protocols – so that employees who must work from our critical facilities can do so safely.

Throughout this evolving situation, Eversource is committed to safeguarding the health and safety of its customers, employees and the communities it serves, and ensuring that it continues to reliably provide essential energy services.

## Council

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week as the virus continues to spread — approaching a near exponential increase in numbers every 2 days now. It is projected by NH Department of Health and Human Services that those numbers may be exponentially higher in the coming weeks ahead.

Chief O'Brien provided additional information about current efforts for the Town officials to deal with the current Global

Pandemic. O'Brien said, "I am asking citizens to help me help you by keeping this virus out of the town as best we can. We are working around the clock to make sure we have the latest information and making sure our responders are safe. If there are any residents that get tested and it comes back positive and you are in need of emergency services, please let our dispatchers know you are infected so we can take the proper precautions prior to going in."

Chief O'Brien related,

"Unfortunately, the testing, instead of taking 24 hours, is now taking up to 72 hours. What that means to me as a Fire Chief, is depending on the time of the day that a patient may have been exposed to our first responders, it could be 3 days later before we get the test result of that situation and NH will start doing the screening of who was around this patient." "In saying that, it means that 3 days waiting for test results sets up a need for 3 different crews or 15 people. And that would pretty much wipe out 2/3 of our department." "So we have changed the menu in our automated phone system — so if you have questions on the COVID-19 virus, all you have to do is press a couple of keys that will take you directly to the NH 211

phone line (the virus hotline number). If residents of the community have questions for me in particular, you can reach me at 432-1124."

The Fire Chief supported the Town Council to officially close the Town Hall building to the public. There is now a virtual Town Hall mechanism set up online with Town support that can be accessed via the Londonderry Town Web site. The web site outlines most of all the specifics needed to conduct business with the town.

Councilor Tom Dolan later spoke with the school district's Business Director, Peter Curro, about the situation in the schools regarding meals.

Dolan said, "There are a lot of Londonderry children who are getting a meal subsistence and when the school is closed

it is difficult ...and I know there is a drive up opportunity at the school to get lunches so could you tell us more about that. People are used to getting that assistance. How will they continue to get it?"

Curro replied, "Amanda — (the school district's Dining Services Director) — has already reached out to all the students that are on the free and reduced meal plans and made them aware of the new program. ...Dining Services was also ready today (Monday March 16th) with their drive up program and I believe she had 50 students."

"Meals will be available to all students," Curro said. "...and they will be running the same program as if school was in session. Some meals will be free, some will be reduced in price and

some will be at normal price. There will be a cashier and in front of the high school they will be set up in a tent and it will be a grab and go procedure." The school district's Business Administrator continued, "For those that can't make it to the high school, we are also going to offer a delivery service. Parents and students can contact Amanda at the high school about deliveries."

"And that same service is also being offered to the elderly living in town. If they can't make it to the high school and they need delivery, we have the food service van and we also have the 3 minibuses, so we have vehicles available for these deliveries. We will do whatever we can and figure out the money later."

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**Syrup Samples** Volunteers helped out Anne Peterson with her annual Maple Sugaring weekend opening at her farm on Peabody Row. This year, due to the Coronavirus, crowds were limited and extra precautions were taken by those on-hand.  
*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Town Releases Information on Help During COVID-19 Crisis

The Town of Londonderry released information on Tuesday reminding residents of the assistance and resources available during the COVID-19 crisis. Most importantly, they say, "If You Need Help, please Let Us Know so that we may do our best to assist you."

If you have general concerns or questions related to COVID-19, Call 2-1-1.

If you have an emergency or need immediate medical attention, Dial 9-1-1.

For non-emergency

assistance (with regard to a suspected case of COVID-19 or other concerns related to COVID-19), you may contact the non-emergency lines of the Fire Department (432-1124) or the Police Department (432-1118) and the dispatchers will route your calls to appropriate Town personnel.

Assistance with Grocery Shopping/Essential Errands: If you are senior or an immunocompromised resident looking for assistance, contact Kirby Brown at [kbrown@londonderrynh.org](mailto:kbrown@londonderrynh.org) or 432-1100 ext. 120, she can put

you in touch with the amazing group of Londonderry residents who have stepped up to volunteer their services during this time of crisis. Please also note that our grocery stores have arranged special shopping hours for seniors and immunocompromised residents; check with them separately as those hours are subject to change.

**Transportation:** Should you need assistance with transportation to/from your doctor or to

run other errands and you are unable to drive or secure a ride from family, friends or others, please contact CART at 434-3569. If you encounter a problem scheduling a ride with CART, contact Laurie Renke (432-8554) for assistance.

**Town Hall Transactions:** While Town Hall is closed to the public, we are working and able to service most of your needed transactions online or via email, mail, phone, or drop box. For a

complete list of transactions and accompanying instructions, please visit the "COVID-19 Information Page" on the Town website ([www.londonderrynh.org](http://www.londonderrynh.org)) or call 432-1100 ext. 120 for more information.

**State of NH Unemployment Assistance:** If you have been laid off, lost your job or experienced a reduction in hours or pay due to the COVID-19 crisis, please visit [www.nhes.nh.gov](http://www.nhes.nh.gov) or call 271-7700 to file a claim.

If you have lost your employer-sponsored health insurance: Please visit the "COVID-19 Information Page" on the Town website for information from the NH Insurance Department regarding coverage options and how to apply or call the NH Insurance Department directly at 1-800-852-3416.

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# Matthew Thornton Drama Club Performs The Little Mermaid Jr.

SUBMITTED BY  
TIM GORE

Over the weekend of March 13 and 14, the students in the Matthew Thornton Drama Club donned their brightly-colored costumes and presented their production of The Little Mermaid Jr.

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen tale, The Little Mermaid is the timeless story of the mermaid Ariel (Alaina Anthony) who falls in love with the human Prince Eric (Andrew Ayers). Thanks to a spell from the evil sea witch Ursula (Malia Smith), Ariel trades her voice to become human and must woo Prince Eric before time runs out, with help from her friends Sebastian (Carter Blanco), Flounder (Elisa Thomas) and Scuttle (Addy Demas).

Many of the students in the cast grew up watching Disney movies like The Little Mermaid, and performing this show has been a dream come true. One of these students is fifth grader Lily McKinney, who played a featured dancer as well as Chef Louis.

"It was one of my favorite Disney princess movies growing up, so it's cool that I get to be a part of it," McKinney said.

Fourth grader Carter Blanco, who plays Sebast-



Alaina Anthony

ian, agrees.

"I really like this production. I love all the Disney movies, and I really like The Little Mermaid," Blanco said. "I like the dancing and the energy of it."

The show featured the iconic Disney songs "Under the Sea", "Part of Your World", and "Kiss the Girl", along with many others. Fifth grader Addy Demas, who played the seagull Scuttle, enjoys the music because it is "really fun and upbeat".

Demas said she was very excited to perform.

"I'm excited because I want to show what I have done and worked so hard on to an actual audience that hasn't seen it millions of times," she said jokingly, "and I'm nervous because all the lights are on you, and everybody's watching you, and you could mess up and then you could have everybody laugh at you, but then you just keep going!" Blanco shared

Demas's excitement for this production.

"This is the first big play I've ever been in, and I'm super excited to sing, dance, and say all my lines," he said. "We've all worked really hard, and I think it's going to look really good when it's all finished."

This production marked the end of an era at Matthew Thornton, as director and founder Meg Gore finished up her tenure at the school. Gore started the program 12 years ago and partnered with other volunteers, most notably Kathie Gagnon, to create a program from scratch. Over the past 12 years, the program has evolved with more creative and spectacular performances.

The MTDC program has always been about more than just producing a show; education has been at the forefront, with sessions throughout the fall focused on the basics of theatre-long before casting and producing a show. Other parents and volunteers have stepped up over the years, including Brooke Nadeau and Krista Dwyer, all the way to the present team of Jennifer Brown and Pam Hodson.

While Gore's children were not initially interested in being on stage, they have always participated



Carter Blanco, played Sebastian in the Mathew Thornton production of the Little Mermaid Jr. recently. Courtesy photos

in the background and during their middle and high school years have stepped into significant leadership roles: Katy, who is finishing her degree in Theatre and Education at Mount Holyoke College, has served as choreographer and assistant director for multiple productions, while also helping with hair and make up; Tim, who starts at Williams College this fall, has provided technical support since he started in the program and has stage managed and assistant directed for the past four years. With all of that family passion, Gore commit-

ted to her own children that she would continue the program until they both graduated high school.

What is particularly unique about MTDC is that it has been an elementary school extracurricular program led by someone without any recent familial ties to the school or students. Gore saw a need and an opportunity to apply her passion and experience to develop something special for the students at Matthew Thornton. She has always enjoyed the support of the administration, from Carol Mack to Sharon Putney to Amity

Small.

Hundreds of students have participated and many return to each production to reconnect with everybody involved. Earliest participants are now graduating from college.

With her own children leaving the Londonderry schools and so much of her time focused on her new venture with Ovation Theatre Company, Gore decided last year to finish out her run at Matthew Thornton, yet she will always look back on these past 12 years with a great deal of affection and appreciation.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## LHS Girls' Varsity & Unified Hoops Named Division I Runner-Ups

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the uncertainty of what will be happening with New Hampshire school's due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) announced on Monday, March 23 that they will be naming Co-Champions and Runner-ups for the remaining teams left in limbo after the winter sports season abruptly ended. Each division had the title of Co-Champions awarded to the highest seeded teams from each side of the tournament brackets, a unanimous decision voted by the NHIAA's Executive Council. The teams that remained in the tournament were recognized as the runner-up.

With that said, this year's Division I Girls' Basketball Tournament ended at the semi-finals and the Co-Champions title was given to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals (17-1) and the Goffstown High School Grizzlies (12-6). The Division I Runner-ups are the Londonderry Lancers (11-8) and the Bedford Bulldogs (15-3).

The Londonderry High School Unified Basketball team was also named Runner-up with Dover High School sharing the title. The Unified squad was 6-2 on the season and came off a big 23-19 win against Keene High School in the quarterfinals of their tournament.

This is a very unusual way of doing things when it comes to the playoffs, and maybe Londonderry High School would have came out on top, but this is how their story ends this season.

Needless to say, LHS head coach Nick Theos is disappointed with how



Lancer senior forward Colleen Furlong during the team's quarter final victory in Merrimack.

things ended for his girls, but understands the situation and what needed to be done. "Yeah I'm disappointed, but I also understand that there was no solution that would have made everyone happy except playing the games. But it looks as if that was no longer an option," said Theos.

Coming into this year's tournament as the tenth seed, the Lady Lancers upset their rivals at Pinkerton Academy with a fourth quarter comeback win. The LHS squad then dominated the second seeded Merrimack High School, on the road in the quarter final, and seemed to be a Cinderella

Story in the making.

Unfortunately, the Lancer did not get the chance to finish their story, as the semi-final game against the Grizzlies was cancelled, and the frustration levels were high since many of the girls were finishing their high school basketball careers as seniors. "I understand why they decided the way they did and I want to congratulate the other three teams on their seasons. I'm sure they all wanted to play the games as well. The NHIAA had to come to a decision, and playing wasn't an option so this is what they did." Theos added.

Theos made sure to acknowledge that this situation did not get overshadow what his girls had accomplished this season, and how well they were playing in the playoffs. After a up and down season and being the underdog in the playoffs the Lady Lancers showed that anything was possible. Theos finished up by saying, "It doesn't take away from the season the



Londonderry senior Katie Sullivan in her final game as a Lancer. She suffered a knee injury in the game at PA but was back in Merrimack.

girls had, they were the hottest team in the playoffs and playing their best ball at the right time, that's all I could ask for. I'm so proud of this group

of girls, they have so much fight in them. I hope they are proud of what they accomplished this season because it truly was impressive."

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# Courtney Shay Caps Off Senior Season With All-State Selection

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School Girls' Varsity Basketball senior standout Courtney Shay was selected to the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's (NHIAA) All-State Second Team this season. Shay was also named to the Senior All-Star team.

These two awards are just one of the many achievements she has had this season. Shay also notched 1,000 career points, and helped her squad make it all the way to the Semi-Final round as the 10th seed by upsetting both Pinkerton Academy and Merrimack High School. The tourney was cancelled due to the Coronavirus, and the team was later awarded a second-place DI title by

the NHIAA.

Head coach Nick Theos was truly grateful to have her on his squad and to have coached her since she was a freshman. "Courtney ranks up with the most competitive players I've ever coached. She wants to win every drill in practice. She is also extremely skilled. The two of us would shoot on the shooting machine before practice sometimes and she would amaze me," said Theos.

He loved her drive and determination for the game and her hunger to win. "She competed all the time in everything. She could guard the opposition's best players, no matter how big or small. She guarded 6'2" centers, to 5'5" guards, and everyone in between.

But the aspect of Courtney's game that I respected the most was her hard work."

Theos was in awe of how much work she put in, to not only make herself better, but to motivate her team and bring them success. "She was first in sprints all the time, she worked to improve. She wanted to constantly get better and worked at it year round. And she is the same way in school. A brilliant young lady, that works extremely hard for everything. She definitely left her imprint on this program," Theos added. "She showed every girl coming up behind her how its suppose to be done. She achieved so much at LHS but I guarantee with her work ethic she will achieve so much more at

the next level."

Courtney was pleased to be selected to these teams, and was happy to know that all her work didn't go unnoticed. "It was an honor to be named second team All-State and make the senior All-Star team as well. It shows that hard work really does pay off but I couldn't have been the player I was without my teammates," said Shay. She wanted her final season as a Lancer to be one to remember and that's what she told herself day in and day out. "I just wanted to have my last season be my best season, so I went into every game with the mindset to leave it all on the court. I worked hard on and off the court because I knew how much potential my teammates and I had and we could go as far as we wanted if we all were in it together."

Most of her success came from her competitiveness and how the only thing she allowed was winning. "I'm a competitive person and I hate losing, so I've always just been driven to work as hard as I can so I can reach success. I also love basketball and working hard, so ill do anything to improve my game," Courtney added.

With a lot of bright spots in her senior season, unfortunately it had a very dark ending. With the NHIAA canceling the remainder of this winter season due to safety precautions with the Coronavirus, that took away the Lady Lancers shot at a championship appearance. "Personally I was so upset to hear that our game had been postponed not only once, but twice because I have never been to the final four and I just wish I had the chance to experience playing in that type of environment." She isn't letting that stop her from



Lancer senior basketball star forward and her teammates had their tournament hopes dashed by the Coronavirus, but she was named to the All-State team recently. Photo by Chris Paul

doing what she loves and continuing to craft her game. "It's been hard but everything happens for a reasons so I've been getting outside and working on my game because pretty soon I'll be out on the court again in college. The Corona situation has been difficult for everyone, but I hope we all get through this safely and everything will return normal soon," Courtney said.

"The team was also very disappointed that we didn't get the chance to play because we all knew how much potential we had and our confidence was at the perfect spot going into that game. We knew we could do it, but to have it taken away so quickly and when there's nothing you can do to fix it, is frustrating for everyone involve." With their win against the second seeded Merrimack High School the girls ended on a high note, and they focused on that as a huge positive. "My heart goes out to my

fellow seniors who had to end our last high school basketball season this way and we played our last game without even knowing it. But we went out as winners and we're all champions in our own eyes."

Shay's basketball story isn't over yet, as she will be playing four more years of college basketball for Hamilton College out of Clinton, N.Y. "I'm very excited, I love both the team and the coaches and I think it will be a great experience," Shay said.

She is up to the challenge of being a student-athlete, and is excited to see how much she will improve on in life. "I think being a collegiate athlete will be fun but also challenging as you are always busy either practicing or in the weight room. I can't wait to see how much I grow and learn at the next level and I'm so happy I get to live our my dream of playing in college." Courtney Shay finished up saying.

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# LHS Starts Remote Learning and Spring Sports Delayed

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the outbreak of Corona Virus and the safety measures the State of New Hampshire has taken, Londonderry High School shut down their school and sporting fields temporarily. All students and teachers started their remote learning on Monday, March 23, and along with this, the spring sports season has been pushed back. The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association announced that the first week of spring play will take place the week of April 27, along with the first practices being held on April 13.

Londonderry High School Athletic Director Howard Sobolov has a good feeling about the season despite all that has happened. "I am confident that our coaches and players will work hard and be ready when the first games are played. By starting the first date to practice on April 13, that gives all one week to get up to speed, and two weeks to prepare for the first games," Sobolov said. In a way this will benefit the players and coaches more, as there won't be such a big level as stress like usual. "The fact that the season will end with open tournaments is another positive development. That way

there won't be the same level of anxiety around such things as that teams don't play the same number of games, missing the tournament due to the strength of scheduled vs. other schools, unbalanced home vs. away games, new coaches not having enough time to prepare for a short season."

Howard has been nothing, but positive throughout this process and that's because Lancer Nation has taken action and won't be a step behind. "Now all will be in the tournament so many of those sources of stress are removed. Up until the closing of school our kids have been well prepared with their off-season strength and conditioning workouts. Preseason approved skill workouts, and participation in their private workouts/clubs so that once we resume the players will be in good shape to get up to speed quickly," Sobolov added.

This is the first time something like this has happened, and the coaching staff along with Lancer players have taken this very well, but are eager to get back on the fields. "Our kids and coaches have a very positive outlook in general so I am confident this situation will be handled in a professional manner by our coaches and a

focused and positive way by our athletes. We are providing all with as much information as possible to lessen the anxiety and let them focus on their school work, health, families, and not worry about athletics." Sobolov commented.

Some Lancer coach's have shared their thoughts on the whole situation, but they have accepted the challenge and are ready to get through it. "I'm pretty shocked. It escalated quickly, I definitely thought the season would go off without a hitch but once the Varsity teams Connecticut trip was cancelled I started to get the feeling the season would end up being delayed," said LHS JV Baseball Coach Ben Byerly.

Byerly knows the significant hit this puts on the season, but he's not worried about his squad. "I think every team is at the same disadvantage now. I think if anything is an advantage for us because we are coming off championship seasons at the varsity and JV level. These guys have played well with each other in the past so it won't take long to develop their confidence."

His squad was already eager to play before all this happened, and with what has taken place the Lancer's are even more



The baseball fields at Lancer Park were covered in snow on Tuesday after an overnight storm dumped a few inches on the area. Photo by Chris Paul

motivated. "We will be ready to go. We were already itching for the season and this only makes it better. One positive is at least we get to skip the bitterly cold part of the season. These young men will be ready to go." Head Coach Ben Byerly finished up saying.

Head coach for the Boys' Lacrosse team, Roger Sampson has stayed positive throughout this process, and just wanted to see his squad back on the field. "The rust was gone and we were ready to go. Now we have to wait and pray the season will not be cancelled all together. We have done nothing but encourage our kids to work hard on their skill sets and to be patient while the nation deals with this pandemic. I know they understand the seriousness of this issue especially after the NHIAA cancelled the rest

of the winter season." Sampson said.

Sampson hopes to take the field as soon as they can, but also hopes his players continue to prepare for the season. Although he wants them game ready, Sampson made it clear that his boys are to be students first. "Our goal is to keep the hope alive that there will be a season and they need to continue to prepare while school is out of session. Last week many of the players were seen practicing on their own. With the school shutdown, they can no longer do that here on school grounds, but hopefully they are working hard with a fellow teammates in their back yards. Going forward they must also remember that they are students first and must be on their game and embrace remote learning with our teachers," Sampson added.

The Boys' Varsity Track and Field team has also not allowed this tough process to get in their head, and are embracing the new challenges ahead. "It's been a whirlwind. I would imagine the seniors in particular are anxious to know whether or not their senior season will happen. To be honest the mindset doesn't really change all that much. As a team we talk a lot about not worrying about things you can't control. We can't control when we'll be back in school or when the season begins," Head coach Matthew Smith said. He is staying positive and focused even though he is not able to be with his team. "We'll focus on each day as they come, communicate and support each other as best we can. Do our best to be mentally prepared as possible for the season."



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# LHS Alumni Jimmy Zimolka's College Career Comes to an End

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School alumni and former Lancer Baseball stalwart Jimmy Zimolka has been displaying his talents on the baseball diamond as a Plymouth State Panther the past four years. This is his senior year, and was suppose to be his final season of college baseball, but due to the COVID-19 concerns and the safety measures the NCAA took, his farewell season came to a unfortunate quick end.

Zimolka played a lot of baseball in a Plymouth State uniform and finished with a great career to look back on. He finished with a .285 career batting average, 61 total stolen bases, 92 hits, 60 RBI's, 85 runs scored, and 6 home runs. Jimmy was

always a threat and attention grabber on the bases, and was a magnet in the outfield because of how often the ball would find him.

With his senior year coming to an end, he took some time to look back and remember all the good times on and off the field at Plymouth State. "My time at Plymouth has been incredible. I couldn't have chosen a school or program that is more perfect for me. Playing baseball has always been my passion and to be bale to do it at the collegiate Level is amazing. It has brought me so many aspects in life that I am forever grateful for," said Plymouth State Senior Jimmy Zimolka.

Making the jump from high school ball, to college ball isn't the easiest of things, and it took

Jimmy a little to find his groove, but once he did it was smooth sailing for him. "Adapting to the college level took me about a year. I struggled my freshman year as the pace of the game is much quicker and advanced compared to the high school level. My sophomore year I gained a starting role the entire year and I never looked back." Zimolka said.

Throughout his time as a Panther Jimmy continued to improve and progress, while having some personal goals achieved along the way. "I've had a few instances where my hard work has shown on the field in ways that I didn't think we're possible. My junior yards was my most impressive year because of what I did on the field. I had never hit a home run

in my entire life and I finished the year with four in a season. On top of that, I set the school record for stolen bases in a season with 33 in 36 games." With all that he accomplished his junior year, Jimmy was just hitting his peak, and now is left with a huge "What if" senior season that truly could've been one to remember.

One of the toughest things of college baseball is how fast time flies and that all the goodbyes have to happen. "I miss all my teammates and brothers that I've gotten so close with over the last 4 years. Spending so much time and hard work with them builds a bond that cant be made anywhere else other than collegiate sports. We'll remain good friends, but it's sad to not see the everyday anymore." Zimolka finished



Former Lancer Baseball player Jimmy Zimolka had his senior year at Plymouth State end abruptly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Courtesy photo

# LHS Coaches Show Appreciation Towards Their Athletic Trainers

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

March is National Athletic Training Month, and coaches at Londonderry High School showed some love for the school's trainers Michelle Hart-Miller and Meghan Powers. Both are very dedicated to their athletes at the

school and have done lots of tremendous work for Lancer nation.

Lancer varsity Wrestling Coach Jason Cucolo had nothing but high praise and had great things to say about his two athletic trainers. "Michelle and Meghan are two of the best trainers in the state. Their lifting pro-

gram keeps our wrestlers strong and injury free all season long," said Cucolo. He is very grateful for all they do, and wouldn't trade them for anything. "They work closely with us and the parents when a wrestler is injured and do all they can to get them healthy and returning to competition in the safest

way possible. We are very lucky to have them and I am every thankful for all they do for all the programs at Londonderry High School." Cucolo added.

Along with Cucolo, both varsity basketball Head Coach's Nathan Stanton and Nick Theos feel very strongly towards their trainers as well. "Our athletic trainers are the best! I love their philosophy of building programs that focus on the needs of each prevention, agility, flexibility, along with the strength training." said

Boys Basketball Head Coach Nathan Stanton. He loves their determination and how hard they work for their athletes. "They are dedicated to working with the coaches and offer programs all year around for our athletes. They are truly one of a kind and I am grateful to have them in our athletic program. They don't offer this type of attention to detail everywhere, so as a coach I really appreciate all they do for my players in preparing them in the off season and maintains during the season." Coach

Stanton went on to say.

"We have two of the best trainers around. Both Meghan and Michelle are wonderful, hard working, and dedicated to making LHS and their students the best in the state," said varsity Girls' Head Basketball Coach Nick Theos. He truly believes they are the top of the line, and a big reason for his squad's deep playoff run. "They are there for everything, prevention, strength and conditioning, injuries, and rehab. They are a huge part of our programs success."

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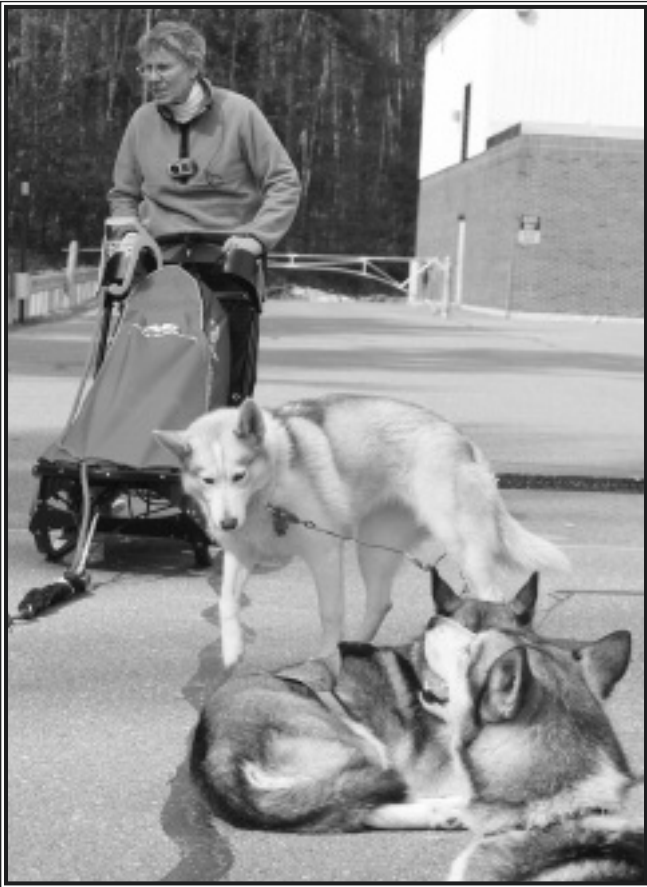
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# North Elementary School Students Get Taste of Iditarod Race



Fourth grade students at North Elementary School were visited, just before school was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, by New Hampshire Recreational Musher Gail Guertin, to teach students about the Iditarod and her unique dogs. Guertin and her Siberian Huskies Cherry, Willow and Nori showed students how the sled is operated and Guertin explained much of the history of the dogs and the Iditarod. The fourth-graders have an annual unit on that follows the race, and the visit gave them a hands-on experience. This year's winner of the Iditarod was Thomas Waerner from Norway, he won the race in just under 10 days. *Photos by Chris Paul*

## Londonderry Fire Department Issuing Burn Permits Online Only

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, the Londonderry Fire Department are informing residents that Burn Permits will be available On-line ONLY until further notice.

To obtain a fire permit online, follow the link from the Londonderry Fire Dept. website to the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands. Permits obtained through the

NHDFL website are fee based and require a credit card for payment: Online Burn Permitting System <https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/>.

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## Republican Meeting

The March Meeting Cancelled Due to the upgraded corona virus conditions, the Londonderry Republican Committee will keep you informed to the next meeting when conditions improve. Stay safe and healthy until we meet again.

## Supporting Language and Your Child

Sometimes we find ourselves repeating things to our kids, hoping something gets through. Learn how to say things in a way your child understands at a Free Workshop, Supporting Language and Your Child held by the Upper Room on April 1 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

## Active Parenting

The Upper Room will hold a Three-session workshop to discuss how to prevent behavioral issues, connect with your child, and encourage positive behavior. Young and Elementary Children on April 8, 15 & 22 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. \$35 (book included). To register call (603) 437-8477 ext. 22.

## Parent & Caregiver Café

Free resource for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens at the Upper Room the Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Thursdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. Drop-ins welcome. Topics: March 26 - 5 Love Languages of Teens - part 1 of 2 part series.

## Basic Cooking Survival

On Wednesdays April 1, 8, 15 and 29, Learn basic cooking skills as you prepare simple and delicious dishes. The On My Own Series is offered in partnership with the Marion Gerish Community Center

## Vaping and Your Health

Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop, will be held by the Upper Room on the 1st Tuesday of the Month April 2, 3 - 4:30 p.m. \$25. Teens will learn the risks of vaping and how it affects brain development, behavior and health as well as how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options. To register, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 15

## Book Bingo

Come to the Leach library on Thursday, April 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for Book Bingo program. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will take part in the classic game of bingo. All participants will receive at least one book as a prize from our special selection table. This event includes a fun door prize raffle and light refreshments. No registration required.

## Mattress Fundraiser

If you or someone you know is looking to replace a bed in your home, now is the time. Pinkerton Academy Class of 2021 & 2022 are excited to announce they will be hosting a one-day Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For one day only, Pinkerton Academy will be transformed into a mattress showroom. For information about the sale, go to [bit.ly/beds4paclass2021](http://bit.ly/beds4paclass2021).

## Music of the Beatles

On Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m., Mr. Fran Hart's presentation "Music of the Beatles" will be held at the Leach Library. Participants will not only learn about the music of the Beatles, but also about the influence the band exerted on the cultural landscape. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach

Library. The event 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.

## Magnificent Monster Circus Puppet Show

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, April 6 from 4 - 5 p.m. for their fun and interactive show, Magnificent Monster Circus. Meet Max, the Monsters' Caretaker, and many friendly monsters with their amazing tricks of daring-do! Step right up and enjoy the thrills of Clarissa the Crested Cannon, the chills of Eustace the Uni-Browed, make friends with the Fiery Fang Worm, and much more. This entertaining 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, March 30.

## National Library Week Raffle

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 20 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, each children's item checked out will earn you a raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool book bag. Stop by the display case in the Leach Library's Children's Room to see what the prize looks like.

## National Library Week Craft

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 20 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, Leach Library patrons are invited to create their own corner bookmark. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your bookmark in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

## Firefly Nights

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, April 20 from 4 - 5 p.m. to imagine a firefly night! Hear stories and sing songs about fireflies then join in a search for the hidden firefly. All participants will leave with a wind-up flying bug. This entertaining 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 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 13.

## Vacation Scavenger Hunt Bingo

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 27 and ending Saturday, May 2 at 5 p.m. participants can pick up a bingo card in the Leach Library Children's Room, then explore the library to find items that will make bingo: five in a row vertically, horizontally or diagonally. Return the items to the Children's Room for a special treat and a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize bag.

## April Vacation Craft

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 27 and ending on Saturday, May 2 at 5 p.m. participants will have a chance to create their own butterfly craft. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your butterfly in the library or in the comfort of your own home

## Teen Talk

You are not alone group Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18 yrs. - Free Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

## Take and Make

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to pick up supplies to create their own Origami Animal bookmark. Craft supplies are located at the Leach Library circulation desk.

## Flume and Isinglass Voting

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to the Leach Library to vote

for their favorite Flume or Isinglass nominated title. Flume Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire high school readers. Isinglass Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire middle school readers. Voting slips are located on the drum table in the young adult area. Participants may vote for more than one book. For each voting slip handed in, participants will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate!

## Craft Time

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 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: April 1, and 8.

## Delve into Knowledge

Stop by the Leach Library 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 March 30, and will be available until 5 p.m. on Saturday each week.

## Magnificent Monster Circus Puppet Show

Join CactusHead Puppets at the Leach Library on Monday, April 6 from 4 - 5 p.m. for their fun and interactive show, Magnificent Monster Circus. Meet Max, the Monsters' Caretaker, and many friendly monsters with their amazing tricks of daring-do! Step right up and enjoy the thrills of Clarissa the Crested Cannon, the chills of Eustace the Uni-Browed, make friends with the Fiery Fang Worm, and much more. This entertaining 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, March 30.

## Select This Year's Great Stone Face Award Winner

The New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award nominees are books selected by librarians for children in grades 4-6. Beginning in Feb. and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, for every book read from the list of nominated titles, participants receive one raffle ticket. All the raffle tickets will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a great prize. Voting on your favorite book from the list starts on Monday, April 6 at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. The raffle is open to all participants in

## Teen Talk

An after-school group for teens ages 13-18 years old to talk, connect, relate and support each other on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. Drop-ins are welcome! For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 29

## Teen Information for Parenting Success

This series is open up to age 23, on Wednesdays from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry get in-school support, workshops, baby/ toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk, share and learn call 437-8477 ext. 12.

## Exchange Students Program

Exchange students program of academic exchange "Pax" is currently seeking families to host for the 2020-2021 school year. There are students coming in from over 60 different countries both male and female ages 15-18 the students come with good English skills own spending money/medical insurance. Families would provide a bed for the student to sleep in, place to study, share meals together occasional rides to and from after school activities once the student make friends carpooling is wonderful. For more information on the program Contact [linda\\_coffey@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_coffey@hotmail.com) or go to [pax.org](http://pax.org).

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## Around Town

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grades 4-6. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up a list of the nominated books and help us choose this

year's winner.

### 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.

### Romping Reads

Open to participants of all ages. 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. Meeting dates are: April 1, and 8, May 6, 13, 20, and 27.

### Toddler Time

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, 9:30 - 10 a.m. Meeting dates are: March 26, April 2, and 9, May 7, 14, 21, and 28.

### Lamplighters

A woman's group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in New Hampshire meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - March 16**  
**2:31 a.m.** Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Dept with Services on Parmenter Road.  
**7:41 a.m.** Suspicious activity reported on Bretton Road at Victoria Drive.  
**11:07 a.m.** Four officers assist Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to hospital from Wiley Hill Road.  
**4:43 p.m.** Services rendered for Disturbance on

Mammoth Road at Tradz LLC.  
**5:47 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Tinkham Lane.  
**8:07 p.m.** Peace restored after Juvenile Offenses on Rockingham Road.  
**8:30 p.m.** Peace restored during a Disturbance on Whittemore Road.

**Tuesday - March 17**  
**2:44 p.m.** Services rendered for Disturbance on

Angelo Lane.  
**7:41 p.m.** Another Disturbance on Angelo Lane leads to an arrest. Joseph Hadley, 28, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Trespass.

**Wednesday - March 18**  
**12:15 a.m.** Weapons Offenses investigated on Ash Street.  
**8:13 a.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mis-

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### 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

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### Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Cre-

ative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

### UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.

### Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and

chaos of addiction; through education, encouraging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-of-hopenh@gmail.com

### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Rd., Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

### TIPS

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### Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card. If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

### Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any

questions, please call 781-866-9976.

### Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

### Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

## Police Log

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chief on Auburn Road at Brook Hollow Pit.

**9:47 a.m.** Wires Down/Hazard removed on Stonehenge Road.

**4:13 p.m.** Sex Offenses investigated on Litchfield Road.

**5:57 p.m.** Suspicious Activity results in three officers assisting with transport to hospital from Hall Road.

**7:18 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest on Nashua Road at Speedway Gas Station. Six officers assist with charging Jimmelle Sekayi Alieu, 24, of Brockton, Mass. with three counts of Forgery (Misdemeanor); and three counts of Identity Fraud (Obtaining Personal Information).

### Thursday - March 19

**11:07 a.m.** Services rendered for Disturbance on Bancroft Road.

**12:37 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on White Plains Avenue.

**5:50 p.m.** Drug Offenses reported at Burger King on Nashua Road.

**6:25 p.m.** Disturbance Investigated by four offi-

cers on Mammoth Road.

**10:26 p.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on Noyes Road.

**10:27 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Department on Owl Road.

### Friday - March 20

**10:14 a.m.** Services rendered during a Domestic Disturbance on Charmand Row.

**10:57 a.m.** Rape investigated on Mammoth Road.

**12:18 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated by three officers results in transportation to hospital from Stage Coach Circle.

**10 p.m.** Services rendered for Fireworks complaint on Old Nashua Road.

**11:03 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

### Saturday - March 21

**3:33 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Windsor Blvd.

**6:56 a.m.** Disorderly Conduct investigated at CKO Kickboxing on Orchard View Drive.

**10:20 a.m.** Assisted Derry Police Department on Fieldstone Drive.

**3:33 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mammoth Road.

**8:32 p.m.** Peace restored by three officers after Domestic Disturbance on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

### Sunday - March 22

**2:23 a.m.** Three officers assist in making an arrest during a disturbance on

Bellflower Hollow. Christopher Crawford, 37, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence - Simple Assault.

**2:44 a.m.** Suspicious activity reported on Rockingham Road.

**3:09 a.m.** Services rendered by four officers for

Missing Person on Manter Mill Road.

**7:59 a.m.** Four officers render services for Missing Person on Mammoth Road.

**12:34 p.m.** Services rendered during drug offenses on Yellowstone Drive at Shenandoah Avenue.

**4:25 p.m.** Services rendered for Weapons Offenses on Wilson Road

**5:19 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Sanborn Road

**6:41 p.m.** Services rendered during a Domestic Disturbance on Rolling Ridge Road.

# Resource Page Established for NH Businesses Affected by COVID-19

Key programs will aid businesses disrupted by state, federal emergency declarations.

The New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs has established a resource website for businesses adversely affected by COVID-19, including information about the US Small Business Administration's Disaster Declaration.

"We understand and appreciate the sacrifice that many are making, and we are doing everything we can to ease the burden many small businesses are facing," said

Gov. Chris Sununu. "These critical resources will help our businesses withstand the challenges they face in the days and weeks to come."

On Wednesday, New Hampshire's application for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans was approved, which will help small businesses in all 10 counties overcome the loss of revenue during the COVID-19 outbreak.

At a news conference on Thursday, BEA Commissioner Taylor Caswell outlined additional resources for businesses, including a resource por-

tal that will be updated regularly at [www.nheconomy.com/covid19](http://www.nheconomy.com/covid19).

"We know that COVID-19 pandemic is having detrimental effects on New Hampshire businesses," Caswell said. "The BEA mission is to provide them with the financial and technical resources they need to ride out these uncertain times and be ready to continue operations."

The online business page is designed to be a one-stop resource, which includes details of Gov. Sununu's emergency orders; the SBA disaster declaration and how to

apply for low interest loans; unemployment information for businesses and employees, and other state and federal resources.

BEA's team of regional specialists will help businesses access relief programs, address specific issues and concerns, and refer to professional business advisors.

"New Hampshire has a strong economic base and with some assistance, our businesses can minimize the effect they are having in these uncertain times," Caswell said.





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