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Town Common Drainage Work Should Continue Soon

MACK LEATHURBY LONDONDERRY TIMES

riving by the Town Common in Londonderry after the recent rain strorms shows some flooding issues still occuring.

In that recent 'goodsized' rainstorm, puddles could be seen, even new drainage system. Is it working right?

The Town of Londonderry Captitol Improvements Plan (CIP) from October 2018, ranked fixing the drainage problem on the commons as a Priority 2 – Necessary. That means a fix is needed with-

basic level and quality of community services.

The question is, was the community properly served with the extensive work that was done on the common last fall and winter to fix the drainage problem.

At the last Town Counafter residents recently cil meeting, Councilor paid a lot of money for a Deb Paul asked what would be happening with the drainage project.

Town Manager Kevin Smith told Paul that the project had not been completed, that what was done in the fall was iust Phase I of the project, and Phase II is set to raise and appropriate get underway soon. "In

in three years to maintain fact, they were suppose to be working on it this week, but I think that's been pushed of until next week now, or maybe the end of this week." He added that the drainage project wasn't completed in the fall, more work is being done on it this spring to address the ponding that is still occurring there."

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Londonderry voted to approve the work in 2019 with Warrant Article 16:

Article No. 16: Town Common Drainage Improvements: To see if the Town will vote to

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The third row of trees that were removed over the winter were recently re-planted in-between existing rows along Gilcreast Road where a new development is being built. Photo by Chris Paul

Third Row of Trees Replanted at Gilcreast Development

MACK LEATHURBY

s residents drive down Gilcreast Road, these days there is something in the air besides the virus. If you look carefully, you will now see a line of tiny new trees peeking out to the sky like twigs between two rows of old apple trees on the former Woodmont Orchard side of the road. These new saplings are replacement trees that the developers have put in as part of a controversial effort to help preserve Londonderry's apple orchard legacy.

Some folks in town had different expectations from what you see on Gilcreast today. They understood the areas developer was going to keep to an agreement that they thought was made in 2103. They believed the agreement made back then would include the existing three rows of the old trees that were alive and

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Planning Board Meeting Delayed Because of Hacking Concerns

CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

fter the latest Londonderry Town Council meeting, which was held remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, abruptly ended because a hacker got onto the meeting and started making lewd, vulgar comments. Since then the town has been trying to figure out a way to hold remote meetings without such interruptions.

Last week's Planning Board meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, was postponed earlier that day because of these concerns, and rescheduled

Wednesday, April 22. and Kathleen Sargent That meeting only had a are the owners of the few items up for discus-

The agenda includes Administrative Board Work Discussions with Town Staff on a Building permit request on a Class VI Road at 37 Brewster Road, Map 13 Lot 123, Zoned Ar-1, Scott & Darlene Ratte, who are the owners and applicant.

In Old Business, There will be an application discussed for formal review of a subdivision plan to subdivide one residential lot into three lots at 44 Auburn Road (Map 16 Lot 55, until Zoned AR-1). Richard

property, and Cedar Crest Development, LLC is the applicant. This plan was continued from the Wednesday, April 1, meeting.

Also in old business, there is an application for formal review of a lot line adjustment between

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Woodmont Trees

Continued from page 1 well in 2013 or that robust new Apple trees would

replace some of them. The developers had a different idea though that some refer to as a bait and switch effort. That idea was to pull the third row of old trees and then stick some crab apple trees in the middle of the two existing rows of apple fruit trees to maintain the three rows upon, albeit agreed much closer together.

For the developer, this effort appears to be about claiming more land to package for raise up real estate transacthird row was controversial, as the area lost about 30 feet more of Apple Orchard parkway.

The Woodmont Commons developer sold the 19 acres along Gilcreast Road where those trees were located to the Stabile Company, subject to certain work on the land to be completed.

The 28 single-family homes planned for that area would be a high-quality well-done addition to our town by all reports.

Eric Jackson, who was representing The Stabile Company addressed the tain, fight their diseases

Planning Board on Oct. 2 in a conceptual discussion about the trees.

Jackson explained that the third row was initially planned to be behind the existing two, but that would have put it outside of the 50 foot buffer, so it was moved in the plan to be between the other two. He said that during the site review it was learned that the majority of existing apple trees are in a very poor condition and have diseases. After an inspection, he said he was informed that the trees are beyond the point of being

The company's opintions. Taking out that ion was that the best way to provide an attractive buffer is to remove and replace all the existing apple trees and get new and younger crab apple trees that could live longer.

> At that point, the Planning Board Chair Arthur Rugg asked if Jackson means to replace the apple trees with new ones, to which Jackson answered that the company will propose adding flowering crabapple trees for the third, new row. He said they are easier to main

and have longer lives, with similar characteristics to apple trees.

Jackson added that the proposed new trees are 6-8 foot when they are put in the ground and grow to 20-25 feet in height, according to Jackson. "They are bigger than a person. They are not baby trees that you won't notice," he told the board members. Most of the board took exception of the tought of using crab apple trees, and member Jake Butler expressed concern about the size, saying he thought they should be replaced with a four-inch caliper tree rather than the one and a half inch being proposed.

The plans expected to come before the board the following month, but did not.

Jack Falvey, longtime Londonderry residents who was involved with an Londonderry group to save a portion of the Woodmont Apple Orchard in 2013. Falvey and that group understood that the three rows of old Apple trees would be saved. But those expectations were not to be.

Falvey had a few words to say about this situation, "Unfortunately the parting shot from Michael Kettenback,

Master Developer, was to have his attorney Ari Pollack "Everybody loves crab apples" design a simulated substitute orchard in place of the agreed upon three rows of existing Macintosh apple trees which themselves were also allowed to deteriorate under Mr. Kettenbach's neglected care."

Falvey continues, "So a simulated orchard, designed by a lawyer and refined by an appointed committee is the mess we are left with. However, this is private property and a good faith owner trying to make the best out of what our planning board legislated cannot be faulted."

"In a few short weeks around Mother's Day, the real orchards in our town will be in bloom with the annual spectacular apple blossoms that characterize our agricultural heritage. At that time people can shoot some comparison photos and see what Woodmont Development has left us along "The Apple Way" as listed on your GPS as you drive by. A mess is better than a clear cut no doubt. It will

Woodmont's Owner and be a challenge to determine how best to get back to what was written into and voted on in the PUD. Three rows of existing apple trees are not going to be easy to recreate."

> During a Town Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 20, Council chair John Farrell read excerpts from a letter sent to the town from their legal council on the matter of apple trees versus crabapple tress. In that letter from Attorney Michael Ramsdell he states, "You requested that I review relevant documents and meeting minutes regarding the recent removal of apple trees on Gilcreast Road and opine whether the decision to allow such removal and replacing removed apple trees with crabapple trees reached improperly. In short, no laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances were violated during the process that resulted in the decision to remove certain apple trees and to replace them with crabapple trees. The developer filed a proper subdivision application, Town Staff made a discretion-

ary recommendation to the Planning Board, and the Planning Board did not exceed its authority in approving the subdivision in accordance with the Woodmont PUD Master Plan. Moreover, the issues currently under consideration are untimely. The issues either were not raised before the Planning Board while the subdivision plan was pending for approval or were raised and decided by the Planning Board as part of the approval."

Farrell further read, "The Planning Board's approval could have been challenged only within thirty days of its decision. Since no challenge was timely raised, the issues were waived.'

Farrell then asked council liaison to the Planning Board, Ted Combs his recollection of the decision made in Planning, and there was some confusion as to the timeline of that decision.

Farrell finished by saying that the conclusion is that there really isn't a case, and there was no legal malice.

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dents thoughts on trails

makers. A lot has changed in eight years, so it's time for a fresh look! If you're interested in the development of trails in the Update, which was last Southern/Central New updated in 2012. Resi-Hampshire region, take a

The Southern New and future trail priorities

State Seeking Input with Regional Trails Plan Update

will help inform the plan

and guide efforts of

advocates and decision

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survey on the subject at: www.surveymonkey. com/r/TrailsPlan.

For more information, or to reach the CNHRPC, contact Craig Tufts at 603-226-6020 or email ctufts@cnhrpc.org. To reach SNHPC contact Maddie Dilonno at 603-669-4664 or email at mdiionno@snhpc.org

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NH Small Businesses Can Reach to the NH District SBA for Help

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The New Hampshire District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is helping wherever they can with our community small business challenges at this time. There may be certain obstacles that business owners are having trouble getting connected to regarding various programs. The COVID-19 virus is impacting a very busy workforce, though businesses are getting connected everyday.

Also, many SBA Administration workers are mostly working remotely and are not necessarily connected transparently with call center communications. There are certain delays that being reported across NH, but there is help out there and businesses should persevere to get the help they need.

The local NH District office has many programs in progress that are set up for NH businesses that are impacted by the pandemic. Some of these available programs include webinars and mentorship connections. The New Hampshire District Office of the SBA is located at 55 Pleasant St., Suite

3101, Concord, NH and can be reached by phone at 603-225-1400. The NH District Director is Greta Johansson.

If you are having problems getting the right support for your business, you should consider contacting your NH State Representatives, State Senators or Executive Council members. You may want to connect to the Citizens Count website which is set up to help NH Citizens to find the right contact information for their NH Elected Officials. That Website is located at www.citizenscount.org/el ected-officials.

The National SBA organization has set up a site area to specifically support business with Coronavirus Relief options at www.sba.gov. These programs are also connected with NH programs, banks and other organizations to help a business.

The web site presents funding options that include the new CARES Act - in addition to traditional SBA funding loans. There is a special section to support the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This loan program provides loan forgiveness for retaining employees by temporarily expanding the traditional SBA 7(a) loan program.

for EIDL Loan Advances that will support loan advances that can provide up to \$10,000 of economic relief for businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties.

Another SBA loan option is called SBA Express Bridge loans and this enables small business that currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly.

The SBA Debt Relief program can provide financial reprieve for small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are tools for business owners to connect with free business counseling to help them sort out details that can help them keep their business afloat during this challenging time.

The SBA has set up a free learning center that also can help businesses retool or prepare their business to kick back into gear once there is a clear path for business again. It is a good time

your business strategy while many businesses and their customers are at home. There are courses about how to write new business plans, overviews of legal requirements, more about financing options and even courses for young entrepreneurs.

In addition, there are

There are also options now to actually look at courses that may help ness to keep everyone up different virtual business options.

guide for businesses from the Centers of Disease Control to support virus across their busi-

you with social media healthy. There is a and show you how to set unique guide to help business deal with any stigma that could be There is an important business related and that might impact their business over the near term.

The NH SBA teams are plans for employers to ready to help you. Now is prevent the spread of the a good time to begin to connect with them.

Continued from page 1 28 Kelley Road, (Map 12 Lot 34 - Zoned AR-1) and

40 Kelley Road (Map 12 Lot 39 - Zoned AR-1). The owners of the lots are Paul and Meredith Beal and Jean Gagnon. Jean Gagnon is the applicant, and it was also continued from the April 1, meeting.

In the New Plans/ Public Hearings/Conceptual discussions portion of the meeting, there will be discussion about an application for formal review of a site plan amendment to modify the construction phasing plan to allow for the occupancy of building two, prior to the completion of all of the site improvements per the

approved site plan at 30 Sanborn Rd., (Map 15 Lot 83-2 - Zoned R-III). These are owned by the Sanborn Crossing Apartments Limited Partnership, and they are also the applicant.

In other business, the board will be discussing their recommendation to the Town Council on the latest Planning Board Appointments.

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Editorial

Time to Think About Lyme Disease

I love the outdoors, but I check for ticks every time I go outside. Ticks can be found out almost every month of the year, one should be especially aware of the risk of tick bites from early spring until late fall.

If you find a tick attached remove it as soon as possible. You should put the tick into a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel and mark the date and the person who was bitten on the bag. Then, the tick can be identified by someone knowledgeable about ticks or can be sent to a lab to see if it was a carrier of Lyme disease or other infections such as Bartonella, Ehrlichia, Babesia or Anaplasma.

Most people feel that you need to have a bulls eye rash (erythema migrans rash) to develop in order to be diagnosis with Lyme disease, this is not true. It can also be an even red appearance across the entire area. Typically when a person first contracts Lyme disease, he or she will develop flu-like symptoms about 7 to 21 days after the tick bite. However, this is not necessarily the case. Sometimes the onset is quite insidious and may take years to show.

Lyme disease can spread to most organ systems, including the heart and the central nervous system. More than a decade ago, Syphilis was nick named "the great masquerader" since it could develop symptoms that mimicked most any other disease. Today, Lyme disease is the great masquerader, since it may appear to be like other illnesses, like cardiac arrhythmias causing sudden death, neurologic symptoms that often appear like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease. There is often a buzzing or tingling sensation of the skin, burning neurologic pain, and a great amount of joint pain, muscle pain and incredible muscle stiffness. A lot of "brain fog" resulting in poor memory, difficulty with language skills and even out right dementia. Chronic sinus infections, migraines, and Lyme rage can be experienced as well. In other words, there are numerous complications a person can suffer that are connected to Lyme disease.

With most disease the best "treatment" for Lyme disease is prevention. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make them tick resistant. DEET, Lemon, and Eucalyptus Oil, to name a few, can be used as insect repellent for the skin. Wearing light clothing makes it easier for you to spot ticks. Clothes should be put in a dryer for 10 minutes on high heat after coming in from outside to kill ticks. Tucking pants into socks can prevent the ticks from climbing up your leg.

Enjoy the outdoors and protect yourself from Lyme disease by taking preventative measures from tick bites and seek treatment if necessary.

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Letters

About Our Schools

To the editor,

My name is Amy Finamore. I am a member of Londonderry's School Board, but this is my personal opinion.

Londonderry, like all NH School Districts, is currently engaged in remote learning. It is easy to refer to this as "home schooling" as parents are educating their children in their homes. There are important distinctions. Homeschooling is specific choice parents and their children make. The homeschoolcurriculum appear similar to a standard public school curriculum, but often includes flexibility to allow the parent to cater to the child's interests.

What Londonderry is doing, similar to all NH school districts, is remote learning. This distinction is important because our children are following the curriculum that has been developed by our teachers at each grade level. Parents are administering this curriculum at home. This is important because remote learning ensures that all children, at each grade level, continue to learn the skills and subjects they need to be successful in their current grade, and to be successful next year when they advance grade levels.

Our district is doing wonderful things to help maintain the continuity of school. Principals and school leaders send out morning announcements, teachers send daily emails and make videos of themselves delivering daily lessons. Our wonderful food services team

is distributing lunches that are available to all of Londonderry's children, and our bus drivers visited our homes to deliver additional remote learning content. School is very much in session. What has changed is the place children are doing their learning.

If you would like to learn more, School Board meetings are open to the public. Recordings of the meetings are shown on LEO-21. If you are interested in attending a meeting of Londonderry's School Board, the meeting schedule can be found on the Diswebsite www.Londonderry.org. The next meeting will be May 5 at 7 p.m.

Thank you, Amy Finamore Londonderry

Thank You La Carreta

To the editor

On behalf of the Londonderry Senior Center, I would like to say Thank You to Eddie Leon, owner of La Carreta in Londonderry. Eddie donated 100 meals for senior members. The meals were pre-packaged for us to hand out. We formed a drive through system and seniors did not need to get out of their cars. Thank you to Town Executive Assistant Kirby Brown for helping me pick up the meals and pass them out along with Councilman Jim Butler who helped put them in cars in the

> Catherine Blash Senior Affairs Director Londonderry

A Message from Postal Worker

To the editor,

During these challenging times, postal employees are working hard to ensure residents stay connected with their world through the mail. Whether it's medications, a package, a paycheck, benefits or pension check, a bill or letter from a family member, postal workers understand that every piece of mail is important. While service like this is nothing new to us, we need our communities' help with social distancing.

For everyone's safety, our employees are following the social distancing precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health officials. We are asking people to not approach our carriers to accept delivery. Let the carrier leave the mailbox before collecting the mail. schools not in session, children should also be encouraged to approach a postal vehicle or carrier.

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for the American public. The CDC, World Health Organization, as well as the Surgeon General indicate there is currently no evidence that COVID-19 is being spread through the mail.

With social distancing, we can keep the mail moving while keeping our employees, and the public, safe.

Regina Bugbee District Manager U.S. Postal Service -Northern New England District

Taking Action on Climate

To the editor,

The 2020 Londonderry Town Meeting Warrant included an article entitled "Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution." The article directs the Town Council, no later than April 10, to urge our state and federal officials to enact a fee on the release of carbon in fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas (a carbon "fee"), and to return the fees collected to all Americans (a cararticle passed with the support of over 57% of voters in Londonderry NH towns as well.

nies to rely less on fossil fuels and more on renewable sources of energy, such as wind, solar, and hydropower. Economists have long advised that this market-based approach is the most efficient and effective way to reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

Too much carbon in the atmosphere allows heat from the sun in to warm the Earth, but does not allow all that heat to escape, just as a parked car's windshield allows the sun to warm or overheat - the car's interior to well above the temperature outside the car. In a warmer atmosphere storms become stronger causing more flooding and wind damage; polar ice melts more quickly than new ice can form, causing sea level rise: and water evaporates more quickly, causing drought.

The beauty of the carbon fee and dividend approach is that, for most people, it will be a financial benefit. Prices will rise to reflect the carbon fee, but the carbon dividend will - for most people - exceed the bon "dividend"). The rise in prices. This is because people of average or lower income simply do not use as and passed in 23 other much fossil fuel as wealthy people: bigger The goal of the pro- houses, bigger cars, gram is to incentivize more purchases, and

more money paid for the carbon fee, but the carbon dividend is paid equally to everyone, rich or poor or in between!

The purpose of this warrant article was not to enact specific legislation (several bills are being considered already), but rather to demonstrate to our state and federal leadership that it is time to take action to protect all people from the consequences of an overheated Earth. If you have children, and especially if you have grandchildren, you can tell them 23 towns have spoken up for them.

> Mike Speltz Londonderry

Honoring Public Health Workers During National Public Health Week

To the editor,

April This week, 6-12, is National Public Health Week (NPHW), a week that has been celebrated for 25 years to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation's health. Sadly, this year the week falls just as we are being told by US Surgeon General Jerome Adams, "This is going to be the hardest and saddest week of most Amerito the escalating COVID-19 pandemic.

Now more than ever, the critical role of public health workers in keeping our nation healthy and safe is clearly apparent. Our thanks go out to our New Hampshire public health partners at the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) and local public health as they work countless hours to track this virus, follow contacts, face the media, and strategically plan to lessen the effects of this pandemic and address the needs of the people in our state.

While these efforts are critical and invaluable, public health is and has been so much more than COVID-19. We hope that you will join us in celebrating NPHW this year by looking back at public health's successes and moving forward to eliminating health disparities.

Every year, New Hampshire public health workers educate people about the flu and give out the flu vaccine. They help pass laws to eliminate smoking in public places and to ensure that children ride in car seats and are screened for lead poisoning. Pubop home visiting programs to promote the health and well-being of pregnant women and their children. They implement falls prevention programs for seniors to keep them living safely in their homes.

It is public health workers who review data to understand the health disparities that exist among some populations, such as higher maternal mortality rates among African American women, and seek to eliminate such disparities.

But we know that making the U.S. the healthiest nation can't be done in a week. That's why we're encouraging members of our community to learn more and take part in the All of Us Research Program, a historic effort to collect and study data from one million or more people living in the United States. The goal of the program is better health for all of us. Learn more at https://allofus.nih.gov/.

We hope you'll join us to celebrate NPHW 2020, April 6-12, as we celebrate the power of prevention and preventive care, advocate for healthy and fair policies, educate our community

individuals and compa- more air travel means cans' lives," in reference lic health workers devel- about healthy behaviors, and work to build a strong public health system across our country. Learn more at www.nphw.org/nphw-2020.

> And please take a moment to thank and support our public health workers for the crucial work they are doing throughout the long days, weeks, and months of this pandemic.

Joan H. Ascheim **Executive Director** New Hampshire Public Health Association

Trump's Tardy **Coronavirus Response**

To the editor,

Chinese farmers brought virus contaminated animals to a marketplace in Wuhan China. Humans contracted the virus at the market, medical personnel reported it to the authorities, but Chinese leaders decided to cover it up. This allowed the virus to spread around the world.

The Trump administration down played the potential severity of the virus outbreak. This delayed the response and preparations by medical agencies and state and local governments to combat the virus. In

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ocal Residents Already Growing More Gardens, Chickens

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considered essential services in NH during this emergency. Some of them have moved access to their inventories online or are offering easy pickup of soil, vegetable seeds and transplants, as these companies are seeing demand spikes due to food fears over coronavirus-related food shortages. More time at home also means there is more time to nurture seeds into meals.

Speaking to some suppliers of seed and chickens located in our local communities. Kari Allard from Shady Hill Greenhouse Nursery in Londonderry told us, "People are

We are already busy; with many people arden centers are at home right now, folks are coming by to get mulch and compost for both landscaping and vegetable gardens.

Allard says that already they are seeing a significant uptick in blueberry bush and fruit tree sales, "And we are seeing lots of customers getting their cold weather vegetable plants from us right now. We are also selling a lot of pansies at the moment as they are hardy this time of year and people are looking for flowers to cheer things up at their home."

Will Lowenthal, Derry Conservation Commission member and Master Gardener told us he has been in contact with sevbuying eral seed suppliers and plants and seeds about a that they are all seeing a month ahead of their reg- run on seeds this year, ular planting time this even at this early date.

popular seed varieties.

good supply of vegand flower plants," said Shady Hill's Allard. "People in the local communities may want to get their vegetable plants sooner rather than later this year though. We currently also have a good choice of seeds as we get our vegetable, flower and plant seeds from multiple suppliers."

supplies may be currently secure and are startstocked shelves are

short supply for certain So, these concerns have strongly advise folks led people straight to "We currently have a their garden center for seeds and plants and to their supply stores to order or purchase chickens and ducks.

"Growing vegetables and raising poultry is helpful to be productive these days and to connect with nature. This is something that's within our control in today's situation that feels entirely out of control," Jenny Doyle from Derry told us, Even though food as she was shopping at Blue Seal.

Erik Ferrel who works ing to be replenished at the Blue Seal Store in many stores, under Derry told us that the supermarket store is seeing an uptick forcing in orders for chicks right shoppers to think about now. He said there are the sources of their starting to be some food, especially fruits delays for certain types and vegetables — often of chicks, but that folks think that may help for the first time. Also interested to get chick- some folks to be more

This could turn into ages of eggs and poultry. them. Ferrel says, "We lenges farmers face in interested in getting chicks to purchase multiple birds as chickens and ducks need to be together in flocks for them to be successful. By the way, the state of NH tracks bird sales from orders shipped to us to align order records for these fowl."

"I'm glad to see a huge surge in gardening and hope that when the pandemic ends, people will continue growing at least some of their own food," Derry's Doyle said. "It's significant that people are gardening and when people learn more about the food system through the act of gardening, they become better informed food consumers. I also there have been short- ens can still expect to get appreciative of the chal- Association report.

growing our food."

Crisis gardening and suddenly raising chickens is not a new thing during challenging times. Concerns about food security led to the "Victory Garden" movement in the US, Canada, Britain and other countries during WWI and WWII. Seed retailers like Burpee and Gurneys along with local greenhouses also saw sales spikes during the Great Recession that started up in 2008 and 2009. At that time the number of households growing their own food increased 11%. And the largest increases were among first-time gardeners who cited economic conditions as a major factor in their decision to start growing food, according to a National Gardening

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It's not only the architecture and design community which has expressed confidence in the future of

New Hampshire and Massachusetts residents have already made a 10% deposit and chosen their new apartment homes in the community. Understanding all the excitement is easy: an expansive choice of floor plans (54 The Baldwin. A number of total layout options) open communities. The Bald-

up new possibilities for residents to rightsize their lives and to entertain friends and family. Options for customization are a welcome deviation from the one-size-fits-all home designs that have been the norm for senior lifestyle win's depositors are looking forward to the freedom they will have to personalize their living spaces into homes that are uniquely their own and to finish them with the luxury and craftsmanship of a Scavolini kitchen or a Porcelanosa

Apartment homes at The Baldwin are continuing to sell. There are still opportunities remaining to place a deposit and reserve your home in this unique community. Visit www.TheBaldwinNH.org/Times or call 603.945.7728 to learn more.



rea Residents Participate Global Lights of Hope

MARTHA SMITH LONDONDERRY TIMES

has affected people hope to the community throughout the planet. and a thank you to all of Around the globe a those fighting this battle movement has begun called "A Candle of Hope." Articles have been written about people lighting candles in India, Italy, Britain, Australia, and many other places as well. This movement is also reaching our shores, as the United States is also experiencing this pandemic and all of the terrible consequences it the trees on the Londonhas brought home to us.

noticed posts on Face- ing this dark time. She window. This is in soli- Village Rotary, said, book about lighting can-The Covid-19 virus dles as a message of on the front lines including, doctors, nurses, fire, police, grocery store workers, pharmacy workers, those collecting our trash and recycling and all other essential personnel. Lisa Jennings, a resident of Londonderry, noticed a post on the Town of Londonderry Facebook page that they were lighting some of derry Common to sup-People may have port the community dur-

Common were lit up for a short time, but are no longer lit up as far as she knows. This gave Jennings the idea to put out her own post to encourage all residents in Londonderry to place dows.

Jennings said, "Dear Londonderry Residents,

I thought of a way for us to connect during these isolating times and hope you will join me with COVID Candles

said the trees on the darity and support of neighbors. For those that are sick, alone, or struggling with today's challenges. Seeing these candles will be reminder that you are not alone. We are all in a candle in their win- this together. I'm not going to let my candle go out until we can all go out again safely! Pass it on! #covidcandle"

I also heard that the local Rotary Clubs have begun a project, which they are calling "Lights by putting one of your of Hope" Matt Johnson, Christmas candles in a President of the Derry

"One of our members, our family, friends, and Mark Brassard, sent around an email indicating that it might be a good idea to do something to lift up the spirits of the Community. We tossed around several ideas and finally came up with "Lights of Hope". Adam Mead, President of The Derry Rotary, has joined in partnership with the Derry Village Rotary and jointly they have adopted this initiative and have begun to spread the word. Mead said. "We enthusiastically embraced the idea of "Lights of Hope" as soon as we learned of this project. This is a sign of support and hope for all within our community." The Rotary Clubs are open to all within their community and these organizations main purpose in to serve the communities where they are located. Both Derry Rotary Clubs are working together to help out the Derry Community. Mead said, " Each Club has donated \$1,000 to the organization "End 68 Hours of Hunger" and in addition each Rotary has donated \$3,000 to

help various organiza-

tions within the Derry

The Upper Room, The Salvation Army, and the 1st Baptist Church's Food Pantry."

The idea of this movement is to light a candle (perhaps one of your Christmas candles) in the window of your home. This "Candle of Hope" will remain lit and serve as a ray of hope and thanks to all,, especially those on the front lines, during these strange new times that we are all experiencing. We are all trying to do the very best to protect ourselves and each other and keep everyone safe. Unfortunately, we weep for the many families that have lost loved ones. Dealing with loss and trauma during this time is particularly difficult and so very sad. We all need a ray of hope and the "Lights of Hope" idea is something everyone in all of our surrounding communities can share.

Light a candle (one of your electric Christmas candles) and place it in your window. Be a part of the "Lights of Hope" movement. The candle will shine to remind all of us that this is a shared and very new difficult experience and together we will get through this time.

OBITUARY

Morris L. Messina

Morris L. Messina, 54, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday April 1, 2020 in his home. He was born in Lawrence, MA on Nov. 3, 1965, a son of Michael Messina and the late Ruth Ann (Marion) Purcell. He had been a resident of Derry for many years, formerly living in Auburn, NH. He attended Auburn Village School in Auburn and Pinkerton Academy in Derry. He had been employed as a cook, most recently for Southside Diner in Derry, and previously at Red Robin in Nashua, NH.

He is survived by his stepfather, Richard J. Purcell of Derry; his brother, Michael Messina of Berlin, NH; his sister, Kimberly Dutton and her husband Joel of Hooksett, NH; two half brothers, Dwayne Dee of Londonderry, NH, and Wayne Dee of Fayetteville, NC; his step brother, Scott Purcell of Manchester, NH; and his step sister, Penny Pare of Boynton Beach, FL. He was predeceased by his sister, Stacy Messina.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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OBITUARY

Ellis Bruce Wheeler

Ellis Bruce Wheeler, 84, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday April 7, 2020, in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. He was born in Plymouth, NH on March 19, 1936, a son of Henry and Winifred (Ellis) Wheeler.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly (Robinson) Wheeler; son, Raymond B. Wheeler; two daughters, Denise A. Murray and Deanna F. Sheldon; five grandchildren, three brothers, Henry W.M. Wheeler, Jr., Roy L. Wheeler and James Wheeler; two sisters, Betty Whitehouse and Lois Bolduc. Bruce is predeceased by his daughter. Diana S. Wheeler and three sisters Mary Wheeler, Nancy Meyer and Christine Blair.

Funeral and Graveside services will be held privately for the family. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements and services. Memorial contributions may be made to Doberman Rescue Unlimited, 52 Tenney Rd., Sandown, NH 03873.





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Commons

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\$235,000 for the purpose of making drainage improvements to the Town Common and further to authorize the use June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

The N.H. Municipal Association, accountants use the term fund balance to describe the arithmetic difference between the assets and liabilities reported in a governmental fund (e.g., general fund). The categories currently used to present fund balance focus on whether resources are available for appropriation (i.e., budgeting). Thus, the traditional presentation of fund balance distinguishes unre-

available for appropriation) from reserved fund balance (i.e. not available for appropriation).

Now money coming from unassigned fund balance means that funding likely was derived from previous taxes collected of \$235,000 from the or town fees or other unanticipated monies paid to the town for various reasons. The point is that residents of Londonderry who have consistently paid their Town tax bill have largely contributed to the money that makes up the unassigned fund balance. It may say legally on the warrant that this approval does have \$0 tax impact, but actually the money in the unassigned fund balance likely comes in good part from previously collected taxes paid by Londonderry residents. There is not served fund balance (i.e. a NEW tax impact, but we

have all previously contributed to this fund.

Local resident, and fiscal watchdog, Richard Bielinski recently contacted the paper about the problem, about this project. When asked if Londonderry residents got a good deal on this town commons drainage project? "That remains to be seen," said former Town Treasurer, Bielinski. He also noted that the warrant does not authorize any other work other than the drainage improvements. However, according to a previous Planning Board discussion last Oct. 7, there was funding from on this Town Commons project used to fix the drainage problem and money from somewhere being spent for electrical work and for new sprinkler system too. That warrant approved for the drainage fix, did was put out to bid.

not specify for electrical and sprinkler work.

Bielinski asked, "How was the electrical work and sprinkler system approved, if voters did not OK this action?

He added that the drainage project also does not appear to have gone out for bid or was formally set up with a Request for Proposal (RFP) to insure that the town money is being properly appropriated with the most cost effective services. There were public meeting discussions last fall that revealed that the town had a local contractor do this drainage work. It is a good thing to have local folks involved in such projects especially if they win a project bid. However, we have not yet found documentation that this project



Winter weather took a toll on the drainage work done on the Town Common last fall. Phase II of the project is expected to start soon. Photo by Chris Paul

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

With spring sports being shut down due to the Coronavirus the Londonderry Times has reached into its archieves to run the following story:

Lancer Baseball Squad Clinches Title with One Run Shutout

THe following story originally ran on June 13, 2019

IDAN VINITSKY LONDONDERRY TIMES

t was a pitching duel, from the first pitch of the game all the way

to the last one. And delivered an outstand- the Bulldogs managed celebrating on mound, Nolan Lincoln, who

when it was all said and ing complete game done, the Londonderry shutout to help give the High School Varsity Lancers their first state Baseball players were title in five years, their the fourth since 2004. The surrounding Lancer squad handed their junior pitching star the Bedford Bulldogs a slim 1-0 in the Division I final held on Monday night, June 10, at the Fisher Cats stadium in Manchester.

The crowd and the weather were fantastic that night, and so was Lincoln, the Londonderry ace who also helped the team eliminate the number one seed Concord just six days earlier in the semifinals. Going into the finals, the Lancers faced an equally tough opponent, in Trevor Anibal, the Bulldogs' junior pitching ace.

Lincoln was throwing strikes from the start, and after a quick 1-2-3 inning for him in the first, the Lancers had a great chance to scoring some early runs, with two runners in scoring positions and one out after a Reece Manor double, but Brandon Fish was thrown out at home

In the third inning,

to put a man on second base, but nothing more than that, and the game remained scoreless until the bottom of the fourth.

In the bottom of that inning, Nick Cote got a single, stole second and ran all the way home after a two-out RBI single by Sean Cavanaugh, who saw his ball dropping right before Bedford's right fielder.

Lincoln kept getting quick outs and did not allow a man on third base throughout the entire game. He retired the first two batters in the seventh and final inning and a fielding error followed by a single gave the Bulldogs some hope, but eventually the Lancers got the final out on second base and celebrated.

"It was a great team win, so I am really happy," said Lincoln. "I had confidence in my defense all day. I knew that if I threw strikes. they will make plays behind me. I have been working all year with my great coaches. My fastball worked really well in this game. I worked



Lancer junior pitcher Nolan Lincoln had a complete game and a shutout during the team's win over the Bedford Bulldogs Monday night. Photos

on a couple of things mentally throughout the week and it paid off. I have never felt anything like this. It feels amazing and I love it."

Coach Brent Demas added, "Nolan showed today why he is one of the best pitchers in Division I. It is very difficult

for the other team to prepare for him, he just throws strikes. This team was able to reset it again and again and today again. I knew before the season that we are good and competitive, but I'd be lying if I'd say I expected to be continued on page 12

Senior Nick Cote accounted for the only run during the 1-0 Division I win. After a single and steal, he was driven home by Sean Cavanaugh.





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Baseball

Continued from page 9 here. We just had the

mental ability to do it." Recce Manor alos spoke after the victory, "It feels amazing. We all worked together and played together our whole lives and we did it. And Nolan pitched a hack of a game. We knew

we can go all do way. It's a feeling that I couldn't

even imagine." Catcher Jack Dingman added, "I felt comfortable today. Catching for Nolan is a second nature. We have been playing together since third grade. I know exactly what he is going to do and how is he feeling. This is a dream come true for me. The team looks up to me a lot as a leader so I have to bring good energy and pump them up so they can be ready to go."

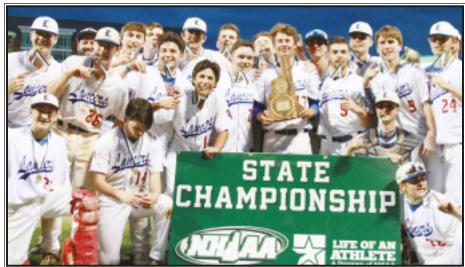


Above, senior Reece Manor applies the tag at second base to get an out and end the inning.

Above right, Breaden Griffin, Nick Cote and Zach Rheault take turns with the DI Trophy.

Right, the Lancer Baseball team celebrates after their Division I title win over the Bedford Bulldogs on Monday night. Photos by Chris Paul





FA Families Get Update on Postponed Spring Seaso

LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Athletic Field Association (LAFA) web site, parents were given an update on the state of the spring season, given that all Coronavirus pandemic.

know, the Governor 'n a recent post on the issued a directive that all non-essential services remain closed with a Stay at Home Order until May 4. We have been advised to use that date as our guide, acknowlgames and practices edging that this may be have been put on hold extended based on the due to the COVID-19 current state of affairs. Further, we understand In that post LAFA that NH Softball has President, Tim Dodge, recently pushed all writes, "We continue to activities back until June monitor the situation 1 at the earliest. As there and work with State and is no single governing Town leaders to assess board, we'll continue to how best to manage the monitor guidance from

madness. As you all Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken, exhaust all options to NH Softball as well as provide a much-needed the State and Town to make an effective decision on when we can open up the complex. Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken and NH Softball have all said that we should follow the guidance of as it pertains to the more direction on dates spring rec season. We and we'll communicate are also working with these updates in a timely these bodies in regards to the summer all-star and tournament season."

Our collective goal is to have games this year and we'll continue to outlet for families this spring/summer. We are working as a board to look at various options for the season to get the kids back at LAFA in a safe and fun manner. Over the next few weeks manner."

go to the fields and play- locally.'

In an effort to curb grounds to play will large group gatherings in increase. Our ask is that town, Londonderry lead- we all respect the ers took the necessary restrictions and stay off precaution of shutting the fields. This is how down all Parks and we all do our part in Recreational facilities. accelerating the path to This includes the entire resuming our normal LAFA complex as it is activities as soon as pos-CLOSED until the town sible. LAFA, and the State and Town leaders we anticipate getting has formally given the town of Londonderry, green light. We know as appreciate your support the weather gets nice in adhering to the guidethe desire to get out and lines to flatten the curve

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MELISSA BETH RUIZ

over the past couple of weeks. According to data available the week of April 5, there are currently over 330,000 recorded cases in the United States, and 715 individuals have tested positive in the state of New Hampshire.

While the majority of these cases seem to be presented in the older population, all demographics need to be careful and take precautions against catching COVID-19.

But there is one group of the population that needs to take extra care in not getting sick - the immuno-compromised.

April is National Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month, a time dedicated to spreading awareness of Primary Immunodeficiency diseases (PI). During the time of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important now than ever to keep the immunesuppressed in mind.

According to the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF), PI "are a group of more than 400 rare, chronic disorders which part of the body's immune system is missing or functions improperly."

These diseases are not contagious, says the IDF, and are often caused by hereditary or genetic defects.

system protects against OVID-19 has been infection, people living running rampant in with PI commonly have the United States an increased risk of infection, and therefore live their lives enduring recurrent health problems, often developing serious and debilitating illnesses

> Many people with PI require frequent treatment from their physicians, including subcutaneous and intravenous infusions. However, due to the severity of COVID-19, many offices are severely limiting their appointments.

Visiting a medical clinic can be a risk in general for those with PI.

Because people with PI are so vulnerable and may now be subject to limitations in their healthcare, there are actions that healthy people should take to help protect these individuals.

The number one and most effective measure that will protect the immune-suppressed and healthy alike from the spread of COVID-19 is to stay at home, says the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Even at home, individuals should also wash their hands often, for at least twenty seconds at a time, with hot water and plenty of soap.

Should it become necessary to leave the safety of the home, people should be diligent in keeping space between

Since the immune themselves and others, at least 6 feet or two arm lengths.

> The CDC encourages practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette by doing so into a tissue and then immediately discarding it. If a tissue is unavailable, cough or sneeze into the upper sleeve, facing away from any bystanders.

> Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly and frequently, as the virus can also be spread through contact with contaminated surfaces. Should the need arise to go to the grocery store, try to remember to bring a hand sanitizing spray or pack of wipes to clean frequently touched surfaces.

Items brought into the home from the outside such as groceries should be wiped down or cleaned as thoroughly as possible before being put away, and hands should be washed after handling items.

The CDC has recently recommended that anyone leaving the house should wear a cloth face-covering. These coverings should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for

breathing without restriction, and be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to the shape. For more information on face coverings and how to make a CDCapproved mask from home, visit cdc.org and search, "Face Covers."

Avoid touching the face, especially if the need arises to leave the house. Try to relieve any itching of the face with a sleeve. Be sure to wash or sanitize hands in between handling anything that may be contaminated to avoid the potential of spread should accidental handface contact be made.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, should avoid leaving their home at all costs to avoid spreading sickness to those at risk. Anyone experiencing symptoms should contact their

COVID-19 concern hotline by dialing 2-1-1.

Many, if not all of the protective measures mentioned above may be common sense to most. But during these uncertain and turbulent times, it is more important now than ever to protect those who need it most.

For more information on PI and COVID-19, visit primaryimmune.org/cor onavirus, or call the IDF at (800) 296-4433.

State Releases Water Quality Certification for Exit 4A Proiect

department **Environmental Ser**vices (DES), in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean water Act (33 U S.C.1341) and NH RSA 485-A: 12, lll, recently released a draft of the Water Ouality Certification (WQC) for the activity described below is now available for public review and comment on the New Hampshire department of Environmental Services (DES) web site at; www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/section401/coe_ind.htm

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of violate state surface water quality standers.

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Instructions for sub-The draft certifica- mitting comments: Comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on May 11, 2020. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments may be sent assurances that the pro- by postal mail, or email

The New Hampshire posed activity will not (email is preferred due to CIVID-19 restrictions). Please include the project name /certification number, your name, and organization; mailing address, email address and telephone number with your submittal.

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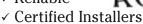
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Beginning April 15, and continuing to April 17, a portion of Sparhawk Rd., will be closed daily due to road construction. No Traffic Use Through Kestree Dr., Chase Road We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation. Any questions contact the Department of Public Works at 432-1100 X193.

Overflow Bags for Trash During COVID-19

UPDATE regarding overflow bags for trash

As of April 9, Waste Management will still collect overflow bags for extra trash (subject to change). Overflow bags can be purchased in lots of 5 bags for \$15 plus a \$3 shipping charge, for a total of \$18. Please send a check for bags to the Town Clerks' Office, Town of Londonderry, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. The bags will then be mailed out to you.

Old Derry Road Clo-

continuing throughout the

during the COVID-19 crisis: summer a portion of Old Derry Road will have daily road closures due to construction. No Through Traffic Use Auburn Rd., Rte. 28, Scobie Pond Rd., Old Manchester Rd. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation. Any questions contact the Department of Public Works at 432-1100 X193

Library Hours

The Leach Library hours for May are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 Beginning April 13, and p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, May 25,

for Memorial Day.

Tic Tac Toe and Word Scramble

May's adult display theme at Leach Library features foreign languages. On the central display table in the adult room, you will find new books about foreign languages available for checkout. Among these new titles will be Mandarin Chinese for Beginners: Learning Conversational Chinese by Yi Ren and Russian Script Hacking: The Optimal Pathway to Learn the Russian Alphabet by Judith Meyer. As an added incentive, the library is offering two trivia games during the month: a foreign languages tic tac toe and a foreign languages word scramble. At the end of the month, one tic tac toe winner and one word scramble winner with all the correct answers will be chosen from a random drawing. Each winner will receive a \$10 gift card for the 99 Restaurant. Participants can begin the trivia games as early as 9 a.m. on Friday. May 1, and turn them in to the Reference Desk no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday,

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Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, May

21 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for our young adult Mystery program. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will take part in the library's own version of an escape room challenge. This event includes a fun door prize raffle and light refreshments. No registration required.

Children's Book Week Raffle

During Children's Book Week, for each item checked out of the Leach Library Children's Room starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 4 and ending on Saturday, May 9 at 5 p.m., you will earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool book bag. Stop by the display case in the Children's Room to see what the book bag looks like.

A Few Seconds with **Our Fathers**

On Thursday, May 14 at p.m., the Leach Library will offer Mr. Curt Bessette and Ms. Jenn Kurtz's presentation A Few Seconds with Our Fathers: Songs and Stories of World War II. In this program honoring WWII veterans, Mr. Bessette and Ms. Kurtz share stories as well as Mr. Bessette's original songs. Topics covered are Pearl Harbor, the war in Europe, veterans returning home with

emotional and physical wounds, life on the home front, and the historical facts surrounding these songs and stories. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Linda Peck - Variety

During her family variety show at the Leach Library, Linda Peck will entertain and amuse all ages on Monday, May 4 from 4 - 5 p.m. Using mime, juggling, illusion, and comedy, there will be something for everyone during her dynamic performance. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and began at 9 a.m. on April 27. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127.

Paint a Puppy Bank

On Monday, June 1 from 4 - 5 p.m. to paint vour own ceramic puppy bank at the Leach Library. Using colorful paint, participants can create a very special bank to start saving money. This program is

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November our intelligence agencies warned Trump of the impending coronavirus outbreak, but he ignored them.

Trump said the coronavirus was a "new hoax" by the Democrats. He blamed the media for fake reporting about it. He said it was no big deal and it would quickly disappear.

Trump is concerned with a depressed econo- need of personal protec-

my adversely impacting his reelection, and he is questioning advice from medical professionals and leading infectious disease authorities within the country. Trump finally decided to extend the coronavirus distancing guidelines to April 30, 2020, but governors and mayors should implement their own measures, including their timelines to address the coronavirus outbreak.

The country is in dire

tive equipment (ppe), but Trump delayed implementing the Defense Production Act (DPA) for the manufacture of ventilators, and just used the DPA again as of April 11, 2020 to order the production of millions of N95 face masks.

The country has to do whatever is necessary to get the pandemic under control.These times test the resolve of humanity.

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open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday,

May 26.

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Soar into the Leach Library on Monday, May 18 from 4 - 5 p.m. for an hour full of high-energy fun. During this program, participants will hear sto-

ries of adventures with kites, including some of the many things that can get stuck in a tree alongside a kite, and practice flying around the room like a kite. Each participant will leave with a cheerful kite to fly on a breezy day.

This adventurous 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, May 11.

Spring Filing Canceled

The Londonderry Lions will be rescheduling the spring dance to sometime in the fall.

Matching Game

The Leach Library's

Children's Room will be offering a Matching Game beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 1 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up your copy and a chance to win a cool prize.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - April 6

for disturbance on Fairway Road.

9:40 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Brentwood Jail. Mano Mitsui, 50, of Portsmouth charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000.

12:28 p.m. Criminal 7:29 p.m. Suspicious Threatening reported and investigated on Pillsbury Road.

3:41 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Lane.

6:41 p.m. Five officers assisted Litchfield Police Department on Wiley Hill Road.

7:53 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Charmarand Row.

9:26 p.m. Four officers assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital on Grove Street.

Tuesday - April 7

3 a.m. Services rendered **7:15 a.m.** Three officers render services for a Domestic Disturbance on Charmarand Row.

8:42 a.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on McAllister Drive.

3:31 p.m. Assault investigated on Mammoth Road.

activity investigated on Perkins Road.

Wednesday - April 8

4:18 a.m. Report of Miss-Disputes on Seasons ing Person investigated on Sandstone Circle.

7:51 a.m. Complaint investigated on Kellev Road.

9:23 a.m. Three officers respond to suspicious activity on Rockingham Road

10:12 a.m. Three officers render services with Community Contact on Foxglove Street. 11:21 a.m. Suspicious

activity Investigated on Acropolis Avenue.

1:05 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Grove Street. 3:57 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Old Derry Road.

4:27 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at Mountain Home Estates Clubhouse on Fieldstone Drive

6:33 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Prairie Lane.

6:55 p.m. Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to Hospital from Rockingham Road.

7:16 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Broadway, Derry. Jillian Spofford, 32, of Derry charged with seven counts of Credit Card Fraud (\$0-\$1000); one count of Receiving

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CTE Students and Graduates are Ready to Serve, Equipped to Succeed

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The unprecedented times we now find ourselves in have required everyone to adapt and step-up to new responsibilities. In education, our school leaders and teachers are leading and have received national recognition for how well and how quickly they pivoted their instructional model to remote instruction and support.

Across the state, teachers are engaging students in new ways and meeting support needs that facilitate the learning. These include food programs and creative approaches to meeting the support needs of students with individual education plans.

The challenges the

state faces are likely still in front of us as the effects of the pandemic extend through our communities. In the face of such disruption and difficulty, New Hampshire citizens will stay strong and rise to the challenge.

In some ways, New Hampshire's education system has been preparing for this moment for a long time. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in the state prepare students across the state with skills essential to this very moment. If New Hampshire finds the circumstances continue to deteriorate, we have trained a cadre of students and graduates to respond. Some of these programs include:

Health Science students have the skills and heart to care for those that may occupy expanded flex sites for COVID-19 patients.

Emergency Medical Technicians/Fire Rescue students can aid in screenings or help transport those whose illness at home has progressed to the point where they need to go the hospital or expanded flex site.

Construction trade students can help assemble and build the facilities, get them powered, plumbed, ventilated and operational, so they can serve patients.

Manufacturing, design and welding students can support the many New Hampshire companies converting manufacturing facilities from traditional product lines to critical items such as hand sanitizer, N95 masks and ventilators.

Automotive and diesel mechanic stu-

dents can help keep the years old, and willing to tial. Their skills can help supply chain operating volunteer putting those by keeping everything from FedEx and UPS delivery vans to 18wheelers on the road and operational.

Teacher education students can support our critical responders and medical staff by caring for and helping to educate their children while they serve the citizens of New Hampshire.

Culinary Arts students have been trained to prepare food at commercial volumes, keeping all of these volunteers fed and healthy so they can continue to serve.

New Hampshire has established a website for volunteers www.nhresponds.org/ to step up and help their fellow citizens. If you are one of our CTE students or graduates, at least 18

essential skills you have been learning to work in support of your fellow citizens, its game time. You can volunteer here www.nhresponds.org/.

Parents may be uneasy about their children leaving the house to help provide these essential services. No one is asking any student to do anything that makes them has been vetted by the public health professionals at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, and is consistent with state orders on social distancing and the stay-at-home order for non-essential services. And it is completely voluntary.

The services our CTE students and graduates would provide are essenbolster our health care infrastructure as well as our first responders and volunteers. I know many of these students. They are great kids. They are strong. They are brave. Through the hard work of the students and educators in our CTE programs, these students have gained skills essential to a time like this.

Throughout our hisfeel unsafe. This initiative tory, our young people have stepped up to help in times of crisis. I can tell you that these kids are ready. If they are willing to put their skills to work, essential businesses across our state can use their help.

> Through their gramming, these students and graduates have demonstrated that they are ready to serve, and equipped to succeed.

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Stolen Property (\$0-

\$1,000): and one count as Another).

8:50 p.m. Three officers restore peace during a Domestic Disturbance on Mammoth Road.

9:08 p.m. Auto Theft reported on Boulder Drive.

Thursday - April 9

12:17 a.m. Services rendered for a disturbance at Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road

7:57 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

11:15 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Hilltop Center on Harvey Road.

respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Old Nashua Road and investigate.

6:18 p.m. Services rendered for a complaint on Winding Pond Road.

ities investigated on Windsor Blvd. Oakridge Drive.

9:53 p.m. Services rendered keeping the peace on Old Nashua Road.

of Identity Fraud (Posing 10:01 p.m. Services rendered for report of Wires Down on Elwood Road. **10:19 p.m.** Report of Domestic Disturbance leads to an Arrest on Old Nashua Road. Pacey Moreno, 19, of Londonderry charged Criminal Mischief.

> Friday - April 10 9:35 a.m. Wires Down Removed Hazard on High Range Road at Nashua Road.

> 10:56 a.m. Nine officers assist Derry Police Department on Ash Street at Tisdell Transmissions Inc. Response results in transportation to hospital.

10:50 a.m. Services ren-2 p.m. Five officers dered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. **2:59 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

4:23 p.m. Weapons Off-

Disturbance on Gordon Drive, which results in an arrest made. Steven Cornett, 49, of Derry, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault/Physical Contact). **10:21 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at Wallace Farm Apartments on Briwith dle Path.

Saturday - April 11

8:36 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Gordon Drive. **10:20 a.m.** Animal Control requested on Woodside Drive.

11:52 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Old Nashua

1:12 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Scots Place.

1:28 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Olde Country Village Road. George Spates, 32, of Londonderry charged with Stalking; Harassment; Habitual Offender; 8:20 p.m. Unlawful activenses investigated on Receiving Stolen Proper-

ty; Habitual Offender; 8:19 p.m. Four officers and Tampering with Wit-(intimidatation).

> **4:49 p.m.** Report of Domestic Disturbance results in an arrest made by four officers at Park and Ride South. on Garden Lane. Xavier Camacho, 25, of Windham charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault/Physical Contact). 8:54 p.m. Disturbance Investigated by four officers on Scots Place.

Sunday - April 12 respond to a Domestic nesses and Informants 1:54 a.m. Criminal Mischief reported Hearthstone Drive.

3:13 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Scots Place.

4:02 p.m. Fish & Game Violations investigated at Rail Trail on Harvey Road.

7:54 p.m. Report of suspicious activity results in an arrest Made on Timber Street. Three officers assist in charging

Ashley Mustone, 31, of Derry with Driving Under the Influence (Impairment); having a Controlled Drug (Cocaine, less than a half ounce); Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; and Possession of Controlled Drug: Schedule 1-4.

10:07 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Allison Lane on Old Derry Road.

11:39 p.m. Report of Missing Person investigated on Longleaf Place.



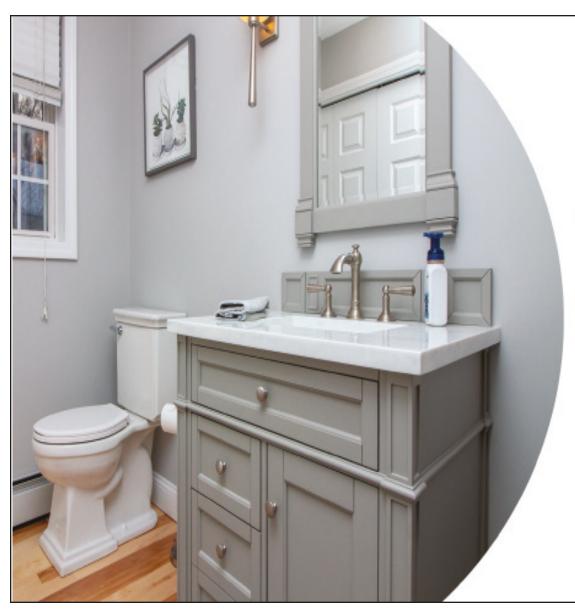
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With spring sports being shut down due to the Coronavirus the Londonderry Times has reached into its archieves to run the following story:

Lancer Baseball Squad Clinches Title with One Run Shutout

THe following story originally ran on June 13, 2019

IDAN VINITSKY LONDONDERRY TIMES

t was a pitching duel, from the first pitch of the game all the way

to the last one. And delivered an outstand- the Bulldogs managed celebrating on mound, Nolan Lincoln, who

when it was all said and ing complete game done, the Londonderry shutout to help give the High School Varsity Lancers their first state Baseball players were title in five years, their the fourth since 2004. The surrounding Lancer squad handed their junior pitching star the Bedford Bulldogs a slim 1-0 in the Division I final held on Monday night, June 10, at the Fisher Cats stadium in Manchester.

The crowd and the weather were fantastic that night, and so was Lincoln, the Londonderry ace who also helped the team eliminate the number one seed Concord just six days earlier in the semifinals. Going into the finals, the Lancers faced an equally tough opponent, in Trevor Anibal, the Bulldogs' junior pitching ace.

Lincoln was throwing strikes from the start, and after a quick 1-2-3 inning for him in the first, the Lancers had a great chance to scoring some early runs, with two runners in scoring positions and one out after a Reece Manor double, but Brandon Fish was thrown out at home

In the third inning,

to put a man on second base, but nothing more than that, and the game remained scoreless until the bottom of the fourth.

In the bottom of that inning, Nick Cote got a single, stole second and ran all the way home after a two-out RBI single by Sean Cavanaugh, who saw his ball dropping right before Bedford's right fielder.

Lincoln kept getting quick outs and did not allow a man on third base throughout the entire game. He retired the first two batters in the seventh and final inning and a fielding error followed by a single gave the Bulldogs some hope, but eventually the Lancers got the final out on second base and celebrated.

"It was a great team win, so I am really happy," said Lincoln. "I had confidence in my defense all day. I knew that if I threw strikes. they will make plays behind me. I have been working all year with my great coaches. My fastball worked really well in this game. I worked



Lancer junior pitcher Nolan Lincoln had a complete game and a shutout during the team's win over the Bedford Bulldogs Monday night. Photos

on a couple of things mentally throughout the week and it paid off. I have never felt anything like this. It feels amazing and I love it."

Coach Brent Demas added, "Nolan showed today why he is one of the best pitchers in Division I. It is very difficult

for the other team to prepare for him, he just throws strikes. This team was able to reset it again and again and today again. I knew before the season that we are good and competitive, but I'd be lying if I'd say I expected to be continued on page 12

Senior Nick Cote accounted for the only run during the 1-0 Division I win. After a single and steal, he was driven home by Sean Cavanaugh.





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Baseball

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mental ability to do it." Recce Manor alos spoke after the victory, "It feels amazing. We all

worked together and played together our whole lives and we did it. And Nolan pitched a hack of a game. We knew we can go all do way. It's a feeling that I couldn't even imagine."

Catcher Jack Dingman added, "I felt comfortable today. Catching for Nolan is a second nature. We have been playing together since third grade. I know exactly what he is going to do and how is he feeling. This is a dream come true for me. The team looks up to me a lot as a leader so I have to bring good energy and pump them up so they can be ready to go."

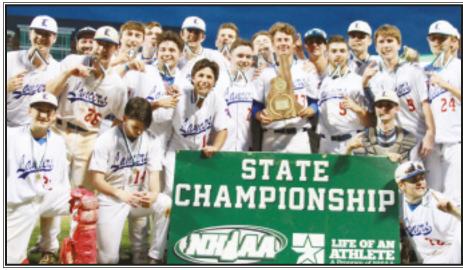


Above, senior Reece Manor applies the tag at second base to get an out and end the inning.

Above right, Breaden Griffin, Nick Cote and Zach Rheault take turns with the DI Trophy.

Right, the Lancer Baseball team celebrates after their Division I title win over the Bedford Bulldogs on Monday night. Photos by Chris Paul





FA Families Get Update on Postponed Spring Seaso

LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Athletic Field Association (LAFA) web site, parents were given an update on the state of the spring season, given that all Coronavirus pandemic.

President, Tim Dodge, recently pushed all writes, "We continue to activities back until June monitor the situation 1 at the earliest. As there and work with State and is no single governing

know, the Governor 'n a recent post on the issued a directive that all non-essential services remain closed with a Stay at Home Order until May 4. We have been advised to use that date as our guide, acknowlgames and practices edging that this may be have been put on hold extended based on the due to the COVID-19 current state of affairs. Further, we understand In that post LAFA that NH Softball has

madness. As you all Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken, exhaust all options to NH Softball as well as provide a much-needed the State and Town to make an effective decision on when we can open up the complex. Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken and NH Softball have all said that we should follow the guidance of as it pertains to the more direction on dates spring rec season. We and we'll communicate are also working with these updates in a timely these bodies in regards to the summer all-star and tournament season."

Our collective goal is

outlet for families this spring/summer. We are working as a board to look at various options for the season to get the kids back at LAFA in a safe and fun manner. Over the next few weeks manner."

go to the fields and play- locally.'

In an effort to curb grounds to play will large group gatherings in increase. Our ask is that town, Londonderry lead- we all respect the ers took the necessary restrictions and stay off precaution of shutting the fields. This is how down all Parks and we all do our part in Recreational facilities. accelerating the path to This includes the entire resuming our normal LAFA complex as it is activities as soon as pos-CLOSED until the town sible. LAFA, and the State and Town leaders we anticipate getting has formally given the town of Londonderry, green light. We know as appreciate your support the weather gets nice in adhering to the guidethe desire to get out and lines to flatten the curve

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over the past couple of weeks. According to data available the week of April 5, there are currently over 330,000 recorded cases in the United States, and 715 individuals have tested positive in the state of New Hampshire.

While the majority of these cases seem to be presented in the older population, all demographics need to be careful and take precautions against catching COVID-19.

But there is one group of the population that needs to take extra care in not getting sick - the immuno-compromised.

April is National Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month, a time dedicated to spreading awareness of Primary Immunodeficiency diseases (PI). During the time of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important now than ever to keep the immunesuppressed in mind.

According to the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF), PI "are a group of more than 400 rare, chronic disorders which part of the body's immune system is missing or functions improperly."

These diseases are not contagious, says the IDF, and are often caused by hereditary or genetic defects.

system protects against OVID-19 has been infection, people living running rampant in with PI commonly have the United States an increased risk of infection, and therefore live their lives enduring recurrent health problems, often developing serious and debilitating illnesses

> Many people with PI require frequent treatment from their physicians, including subcutaneous and intravenous infusions. However, due to the severity of COVID-19, many offices are severely limiting their appointments.

Visiting a medical clinic can be a risk in general for those with PI.

Because people with PI are so vulnerable and may now be subject to limitations in their healthcare, there are actions that healthy people should take to help protect these individuals.

The number one and most effective measure that will protect the immune-suppressed and healthy alike from the spread of COVID-19 is to stay at home, says the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Even at home, individuals should also wash their hands often, for at least twenty seconds at a time, with hot water and plenty of soap.

Should it become necessary to leave the safety of the home, people should be diligent in keeping space between

Since the immune themselves and others, at least 6 feet or two arm lengths.

> The CDC encourages practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette by doing so into a tissue and then immediately discarding it. If a tissue is unavailable, cough or sneeze into the upper sleeve, facing away from any bystanders.

> Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly and frequently, as the virus can also be spread through contact with contaminated surfaces. Should the need arise to go to the grocery store, try to remember to bring a hand sanitizing spray or pack of wipes to clean frequently touched surfaces.

Items brought into the home from the outside such as groceries should be wiped down or cleaned as thoroughly as possible before being put away, and hands should be washed after handling items.

The CDC has recently recommended that anyone leaving the house should wear a cloth face-covering. These coverings should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for

breathing without restriction, and be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to the shape. For more information on face coverings and how to make a CDCapproved mask from home, visit cdc.org and search, "Face Covers."

Avoid touching the face, especially if the need arises to leave the house. Try to relieve any itching of the face with a sleeve. Be sure to wash or sanitize hands in between handling anything that may be contaminated to avoid the potential of spread should accidental handface contact be made.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, should avoid leaving their home at all costs to avoid spreading sickness to those at risk. Anyone experiencing symptoms should contact their

COVID-19 concern hotline by dialing 2-1-1.

Many, if not all of the protective measures mentioned above may be common sense to most. But during these uncertain and turbulent times, it is more important now than ever to protect those who need it most.

For more information on PI and COVID-19, visit primaryimmune.org/cor onavirus, or call the IDF at (800) 296-4433.

State Releases Water Quality Certification for Exit 4A Proiect

department **Environmental Ser**vices (DES), in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean water Act (33 U S.C.1341) and NH RSA 485-A: 12, lll, recently released a draft of the Water Ouality Certification (WQC) for the activity described below is now available for public review and comment on the New Hampshire department of Environmental Services (DES) web site at; www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/section401/coe_ind.htm

tion states that, based on the facts, findings and conditions, NHDES has determined that there is reasonable

of violate state surface water quality standers.

Activity Description: The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT or applicant) is proposing a new interchange on I -93 (known as Exit 4-A) in Londonderry with additional improvements on local roads in Derry and Londonderry, and other transportation improvements, to reduce congestion and improve safety along Route 102, from I-93 Exit 4 easterly through downtown Derry.

Instructions for sub-The draft certifica- mitting comments: Comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on May 11, 2020. Only written comments will be accepted.

The New Hampshire posed activity will not (email is preferred due to CIVID-19 restrictions). Please include the project name /certification number, your name, and organization; mailing address, email address and telephone number with your submittal.

> By Mail: 401 Certification Program (Attention Gregg Comstock)

> NHDES Watershed Management Bureau, P.O. Box 95, Concord NH 03301-0095. By email, people should write: gregg.comstock@des.nh.gov

> Ouestions about the draft certification or have difficulties accessing a copy, please cont Gregg Comstock Supervisor of the NHDES Water Planning Section at 603-271-2983, gregg.comstock@des.nh.gov.





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Sparhawk Road will be closed

Beginning April 15, and continuing to April 17, a portion of Sparhawk Rd., will be closed daily due to road construction. No Traffic Use Through Kestree Dr., Chase Road We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation. Any questions contact the Department of Public Works at 432-1100 X193.

Overflow Bags for Trash During COVID-19

UPDATE regarding overflow bags for trash

As of April 9, Waste Management will still collect overflow bags for extra trash (subject to change). Overflow bags can be purchased in lots of 5 bags for \$15 plus a \$3 shipping charge, for a total of \$18. Please send a check for bags to the Town Clerks' Office, Town of Londonderry, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. The bags will then be mailed out to you.

Old Derry Road Clo-

continuing throughout the

during the COVID-19 crisis: summer a portion of Old Derry Road will have daily road closures due to construction. No Through Traffic Use Auburn Rd., Rte. 28, Scobie Pond Rd., Old Manchester Rd. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation. Any questions contact the Department of Public Works at 432-1100 X193

Library Hours

The Leach Library hours for May are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 Beginning April 13, and p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, May 25,

for Memorial Day.

Tic Tac Toe and Word Scramble

May's adult display theme at Leach Library features foreign languages. On the central display table in the adult room, you will find new books about foreign languages available for checkout. Among these new titles will be Mandarin Chinese for Beginners: Learning Conversational Chinese by Yi Ren and Russian Script Hacking: The Optimal Pathway to Learn the Russian Alphabet by Judith Meyer. As an added incentive, the library is offering two trivia games during the month: a foreign languages tic tac toe and a foreign languages word scramble. At the end of the month, one tic tac toe winner and one word scramble winner with all the correct answers will be chosen from a random drawing. Each winner will receive a \$10 gift card for the 99 Restaurant. Participants can begin the trivia games as early as 9 a.m. on Friday. May 1, and turn them in to the Reference Desk no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday,

Mystery at the Library

May 30 for eligibility.

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, May

21 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for our young adult Mystery program. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will take part in the library's own version of an escape room challenge. This event includes a fun door prize raffle and light refreshments. No registration required.

Children's Book Week Raffle

During Children's Book Week, for each item checked out of the Leach Library Children's Room starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 4 and ending on Saturday, May 9 at 5 p.m., you will earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool book bag. Stop by the display case in the Children's Room to see what the book bag looks like.

A Few Seconds with **Our Fathers**

On Thursday, May 14 at p.m., the Leach Library will offer Mr. Curt Bessette and Ms. Jenn Kurtz's presentation A Few Seconds with Our Fathers: Songs and Stories of World War II. In this program honoring WWII veterans, Mr. Bessette and Ms. Kurtz share stories as well as Mr. Bessette's original songs. Topics covered are Pearl Harbor, the war in Europe, veterans returning home with

emotional and physical wounds, life on the home front, and the historical facts surrounding these songs and stories. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Linda Peck - Variety

During her family variety show at the Leach Library, Linda Peck will entertain and amuse all ages on Monday, May 4 from 4 - 5 p.m. Using mime, juggling, illusion, and comedy, there will be something for everyone during her dynamic performance. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and began at 9 a.m. on April 27. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127.

Paint a Puppy Bank

On Monday, June 1 from 4 - 5 p.m. to paint vour own ceramic puppy bank at the Leach Library. Using colorful paint, participants can create a very special bank to start saving money. This program is

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November our intelligence agencies warned Trump of the impending coronavirus outbreak, but he ignored them.

Trump said the coronavirus was a "new hoax" by the Democrats. He blamed the media for fake reporting about it. He said it was no big deal and it would quickly disappear.

Trump is concerned with a depressed econo- need of personal protec-

my adversely impacting his reelection, and he is questioning advice from medical professionals and leading infectious disease authorities within the country. Trump finally decided to extend the coronavirus distancing guidelines to April 30, 2020, but governors and mayors should implement their own measures, including their timelines to address the coronavirus outbreak.

The country is in dire

tive equipment (ppe), but Trump delayed implementing the Defense Production Act (DPA) for the manufacture of ventilators, and just used the DPA again as of April 11, 2020 to order the production of millions of N95 face masks.

The country has to do whatever is necessary to get the pandemic under control.These times test the resolve of humanity.

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open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday,

May 26.

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Soar into the Leach Library on Monday, May 18 from 4 - 5 p.m. for an hour full of high-energy fun. During this program, participants will hear sto-

ries of adventures with kites, including some of the many things that can get stuck in a tree alongside a kite, and practice flying around the room like a kite. Each participant will leave with a cheerful kite to fly on a breezy day.

This adventurous 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, May 11.

Spring Filing Canceled

The Londonderry Lions will be rescheduling the spring dance to sometime in the fall.

Matching Game

The Leach Library's

Children's Room will be offering a Matching Game beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 1 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up your copy and a chance to win a cool prize.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - April 6

for disturbance on Fairway Road.

9:40 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Brentwood Jail. Mano Mitsui, 50, of Portsmouth charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000.

12:28 p.m. Criminal 7:29 p.m. Suspicious Threatening reported and investigated on Pillsbury Road.

3:41 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Lane.

6:41 p.m. Five officers assisted Litchfield Police Department on Wiley Hill Road.

7:53 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Charmarand Row.

9:26 p.m. Four officers assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital on Grove Street.

Tuesday - April 7

3 a.m. Services rendered **7:15 a.m.** Three officers render services for a Domestic Disturbance on Charmarand Row.

> 8:42 a.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on McAllister Drive.

> **3:31 p.m.** Assault investigated on Mammoth Road.

> activity investigated on Perkins Road.

Wednesday - April 8

4:18 a.m. Report of Miss-Disputes on Seasons ing Person investigated on Sandstone Circle.

7:51 a.m. Complaint investigated on Kellev Road.

9:23 a.m. Three officers respond to suspicious activity on Rockingham Road

10:12 a.m. Three officers render services with Community Contact on Foxglove Street. 11:21 a.m. Suspicious

activity Investigated on Acropolis Avenue.

1:05 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Grove Street. 3:57 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Old Derry Road.

4:27 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at Mountain Home Estates Clubhouse on Fieldstone Drive

6:33 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Prairie Lane.

6:55 p.m. Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to Hospital from Rockingham Road.

7:16 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Broadway, Derry. Jillian Spofford, 32, of Derry charged with seven counts of Credit Card Fraud (\$0-\$1000); one count of Receiving

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CTE Students and Graduates are Ready to Serve, Equipped to Succeed

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The unprecedented times we now find ourselves in have required everyone to adapt and step-up to new responsibilities. In education, our school leaders and teachers are leading and have received national recognition for how well and how quickly they pivoted their instructional model to remote instruction and support.

Across the state, teachers are engaging students in new ways and meeting support needs that facilitate the learning. These include food programs and creative approaches to meeting the support needs of students with individual education plans.

The challenges the

state faces are likely still in front of us as the effects of the pandemic extend through our communities. In the face of such disruption and difficulty, New Hampshire citizens will stay strong and rise to the challenge.

In some ways, New Hampshire's education system has been preparing for this moment for a long time. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in the state prepare students across the state with skills essential to this very moment. If New Hampshire finds the circumstances continue to deteriorate, we have trained a cadre of students and graduates to respond. Some of these programs include:

Health Science students have the skills and heart to care for those that may occupy expanded flex sites for COVID-19 patients.

Emergency Medical Technicians/Fire Rescue students can aid in screenings or help transport those whose illness at home has progressed to the point where they need to go the hospital or expanded flex site.

Construction trade students can help assemble and build the facilities, get them powered, plumbed, ventilated and operational, so they can serve patients.

Manufacturing, design and welding students can support the many New Hampshire companies converting manufacturing facilities from traditional product lines to critical items such as hand sanitizer, N95 masks and ventilators.

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dents can help keep the years old, and willing to tial. Their skills can help supply chain operating volunteer putting those by keeping everything from FedEx and UPS delivery vans to 18wheelers on the road and operational.

Teacher education students can support our critical responders and medical staff by caring for and helping to educate their children while they serve the citizens of New Hampshire.

Culinary Arts students have been trained to prepare food at commercial volumes, keeping all of these volunteers fed and healthy so they can continue to serve.

New Hampshire has established a website for volunteers www.nhresponds.org/ to step up and help their fellow citizens. If you are one of our CTE students or graduates, at least 18

essential skills you have been learning to work in support of your fellow citizens, its game time. You can volunteer here www.nhresponds.org/.

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Parents

uneasy about their children leaving the house to help provide these essential services. No one is asking any student to do anything that makes them has been vetted by the public health professionals at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, and is consistent with state orders on social distancing and the stay-at-home order for non-essential services. And it is completely voluntary.

The services our CTE students and graduates would provide are essenbolster our health care infrastructure as well as our first responders and volunteers. I know many of these students. They are great kids. They are strong. They are brave. Through the hard work of the students and educators in our CTE programs, these students have gained skills essential to a time like this.

Throughout our hisfeel unsafe. This initiative tory, our young people have stepped up to help in times of crisis. I can tell you that these kids are ready. If they are willing to put their skills to work, essential businesses across our state can use their help.

Through their gramming, these students and graduates have demonstrated that they are ready to serve, and equipped to succeed.

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Stolen Property (\$0-

\$1,000): and one count as Another).

8:50 p.m. Three officers restore peace during a Domestic Disturbance on Mammoth Road.

9:08 p.m. Auto Theft reported on Boulder Drive.

Thursday - April 9

12:17 a.m. Services rendered for a disturbance at Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road

7:57 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

11:15 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Hilltop Center on Harvey Road.

respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Old Nashua Road and investigate.

6:18 p.m. Services rendered for a complaint on Winding Pond Road.

ities investigated on Windsor Blvd. Oakridge Drive.

9:53 p.m. Services rendered keeping the peace on Old Nashua Road.

of Identity Fraud (Posing 10:01 p.m. Services rendered for report of Wires Down on Elwood Road. **10:19 p.m.** Report of Domestic Disturbance leads to an Arrest on Old Nashua Road. Pacey Moreno, 19, of Londonderry charged Criminal Mischief.

> Friday - April 10 9:35 a.m. Wires Down Removed Hazard on High Range Road at Nashua Road.

> 10:56 a.m. Nine officers assist Derry Police Department on Ash Street at Tisdell Transmissions Inc. Response results in transportation to hospital.

10:50 a.m. Services ren-2 p.m. Five officers dered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. **2:59 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

4:23 p.m. Weapons Off-

Disturbance on Gordon Drive, which results in an arrest made. Steven Cornett, 49, of Derry, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault/Physical Contact). **10:21 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at Wallace Farm Apartments on Briwith dle Path.

Saturday - April 11

8:36 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Gordon Drive. **10:20 a.m.** Animal Control requested on Woodside Drive.

11:52 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Old Nashua

1:12 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Scots Place.

1:28 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Olde Country Village Road. George Spates, 32, of Londonderry charged with Stalking; Harassment; Habitual Offender; 8:20 p.m. Unlawful activenses investigated on Receiving Stolen Proper-

ty; Habitual Offender; 8:19 p.m. Four officers and Tampering with Wit-(intimidatation).

> **4:49 p.m.** Report of Domestic Disturbance results in an arrest made by four officers at Park and Ride South. on Garden Lane. Xavier Camacho, 25, of Windham charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault/Physical Contact). 8:54 p.m. Disturbance Investigated by four officers on Scots Place.

Sunday - April 12 respond to a Domestic nesses and Informants 1:54 a.m. Criminal Mischief reported Hearthstone Drive.

3:13 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Scots Place.

4:02 p.m. Fish & Game Violations investigated at Rail Trail on Harvey Road.

7:54 p.m. Report of suspicious activity results in an arrest Made on Timber Street. Three officers assist in charging

Ashley Mustone, 31, of Derry with Driving Under the Influence (Impairment); having a Controlled Drug (Cocaine, less than a half ounce); Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; and Possession of Controlled Drug: Schedule 1-4.

10:07 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Allison Lane on Old Derry Road.

11:39 p.m. Report of Missing Person investigated on Longleaf Place.



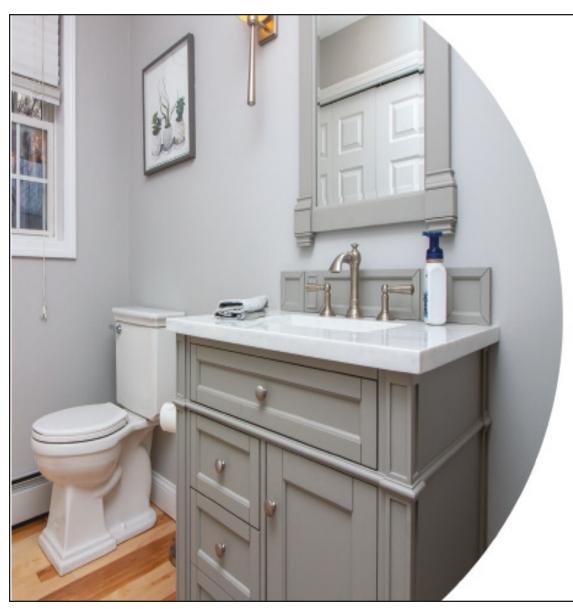
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