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A Heroes Dessert Londonderry High School Food Services worker Kristy Teves enjoys a ice cream sundae delivered by Wicked Good Scoops and Coffee during 'School Lunch Hero Day.' Photo by Chris Paul

Conservation Commission Looks at Land Donation

JONATHAN PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Wednesday, April 28, the Londonderry Conservation Commission held a meeting via video conferencing, using the Zoom app, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting began with Marge Badois stat-

ing that the public can join the meeting via telephone and will give the information at the beginning of future meetings.

The first item on the agenda, under old business, was in regards to the Robbie family donating an island to the Conservation Commission and a memo the commis-

sion would be forwarding to the Town Council in that regard. The island is a one-acre parcel and is located at Beaver Brook wetland adjacent to the Kendall Pond Conservation area.

The family donating the island wants to designate it as a bird sanc-

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Town Councilor Looks to Improve on Audit Process

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night Town Council meeting, which was held via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, freshman council member, Deb Paul had the only item for discussion under new business.

Paul was looking to get a better understanding of what is being looked at once an financial audit is done for town government. She said there might be a few areas that might overlap, thus saving money for the taxpayers.

One area that she

thought might be a place to start was with the Purchasing Policy. She suggested that the auditing company may be able to show the town what they look for in a Purchasing Policy, and may be able to guide the town through their experience.

Paul's thought was that if discussions with the auditing company happened prior to the audit, adjustments could be made earlier in the process.

She was hoping that if the company had already started the process, they could provide a Q&A that would

not cost the town anything.

Town Manager Kevin Smith confirmed that the preliminary process of the audit had begun, and asked the town's Finance Director, Justin Campo, to speak on where they were at with the process.

Campo said, "What they do is take a look at the financial statement at its current state, and they pick several individuals pays as well as several vendor increases and they'll follow the steps through. This is called the internal control process; they do a

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COVID-19 Prompts Remote Meeting for School Board

DANIEL LEKAS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Thursday, April 14, the Londonderry School Board held a remote meeting of the administration and board due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The public was able to view these meetings through the Londonderry YouTube link, local access Channel 21 or at the school district office, located on Kitty Hawk Landing.

The meeting opened with a memo read by recently elected School Board member Bob Slater voicing disagree-

ment with the current policy and procedures for purchasing.

Mr. Slater felt the board should be more involved with the decision making process and urged the other board members to reevaluate the current policy.

As the board moved on, they accepted the resignation of School District Clerk Mary Wing Soares and had a discussion on the potential replacement for the position.

There was an update from the administration and the principals on the remote learning.

While it had presented challenges each school felt they had been successful in their implementation of the program.

During a follow-up discussion with School Board Chair, Michael Saucier, he stated "I could not be more excited"

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Town Audit

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walk through of it. From there they determine how the town is doing in terms of their policy and what's best suited for the gap of general accepted accounting principles." He added that the process began two weeks prior to the Monday night meeting.

Paul asked Campo if he knew what ledgers the company would be looking at, Campo said that they send them all the ledgers and it's up to them what they will look at between 10 and 20 to determine how the town is doing.

During the discussion it was determined that both payroll and purchasing was being looked at.

Paul also wondered if the company ever makes suggestions on process.

Smith interjected at that point by saying that the town receives a Management Letter along with the audit, and that letter lets them know where their weak spots are.

Smith added that the auditors don't really look for things that might overlap, instead they leave that up to the budget process that the town goes through every year.

Campo suggested

that what Paul was looking for was an Efficiency Audit, and wasn't sure how much that would cost the town, but knew it would be substantial.

Chairman John Farrell then stepped in and asked Campo to bring in the last Management Letter and the last set of results the town had, that way they could review them prior to the next audit.

Council member Tom Dolan thought that Paul had some commendable ideas, but cautioned that the council should not influence the direction of the audit. "We want to make sure that we don't interfere with the independence of the

audit," Dolan said.

Member Jim Butler, disagreed with bringing the audit company in for questions while the current audit is underway, and thought the best time to ask questions was when they supplied the town with their report.

Farrell reiterated his earlier suggestion for Campo to provide the council with previous Management Letters, and to discuss those.

Paul added that she wanted to get a better understanding of what transpires after suggestions are made by the auditors, and how they're implemented.

Campo also wanted

the public to know that all the financial audits from 2003 to present are available online. He said they had recently been moved to a better location to find.

Also at the meeting, the Town Council accepted the resignation of Dan Turcotte from the Traffic Safety Committee. Turcotte moved out of town and could no longer serve.

Public Works Director Janusz Czynowski gave an update on the Town Common Project, telling the council that this phase of the project is just about complete and not over budget. A second drainage basin was installed, and the

irrigation system was being installed on Tuesday of this week. He also said a water fountain would be installed at the common. He was hoping seeding would be done by week's end.

Smith also gave the town a brief summary of the state of the town during the meeting. See page 6 for the story.

Farrell ended the meeting on Monday night by saying that he was hoping to have the next meeting, on May 18, take place in the council chambers of Town Hall. He said it was only a goal but he would like to have a plan to meet live. They would keep everyone six-feet apart.

SWAT Team Responds to Beacon Street Domestic Assault

According to a Press release by the Londonderry Police Department (LPD), on Wednesday April 29, at 5:50 p.m., LPD Dispatch received a 911 call of a reported domestic dispute on Beacon Street involving an adult age male and female.

While en route, the calling party reported that the female victim had been severely assaulted and was being held against her will. Just before officers arrived, she fled from the residence.

The male suspect, identified as Daniel P. Gentile, age 59 of the same address, spoke with an officer on the phone who asked him to

exit the residence peacefully.

Gentile then allegedly made statements that he was armed and had explosives. Despite repeated requests for Gentile to exit the home via both telephone and the use of cruiser PA systems, he refused.

The Southern New Hampshire Special Operations Unit (SNHSOU), a regional SWAT team in which Londonderry PD participates, responded to the scene.

As Crisis Negotiators made multiple attempts to speak with Gentile, and asked him to peacefully exit the home, he rebuked their requests. At about 9:15 p.m., the SNHSOU deployed Tear

Gas into the residence in an effort to get Gentile to exit. After deploying these less lethal measures, tactical officers with the SNHSOU made entry into the residence and arrested Gentile.

Gentile was transported to LPD Headquarters, booked, and held without bail. He was video arraigned the following morning from the Rockingham County Jail.

He remains incarcerated in preventive detention after the LPD Prosecutor's Office presented clear and convincing evidence that he is a danger to the victim and to the public. Officers conducted a protective sweep of the residence and did

not find any firearms or explosives.

Gentile is charged with:

- 1) Stalking NH RSA 633:3-a, I (c) - MISD-A
- 2) Simple Assault, DV Related NH RSA 631:2-b, I(a) - MISD-A
- 3) Breach of Bail NH RSA 597:7-a - MISD-A
- 4) Resisting Arrest or Detention NH RSA 642:2 - MISD-A
- 5) Simple Assault NH RSA 631:2-A - MISD-A

The victim in this case was transported to a local hospital and treated for multiple lacerations to her face.

If anyone has any further information on this case, contact the arresting officer, Officer Matthew Morin, at mmorin@londonderrynhpd.org / (603) 432-1118. Tips may also be made



Daniel P. Gentile was arrested in Londonderry last week with the help SWAT team. Courtesy photo

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Town Office Explains How to Register a Newly Purchased Vehicle

Town residents can register their newly purchased vehicle even though the Town Hall is closed to the public.

Follow these instructions to get your new registration and/or plates mailed to you.

All paperwork for

your transaction must be mailed to the Town Clerk's office or dropped into one of the secure black drop boxes at either entrance to the Town Hall.

New Plates – Include a note that states what type of plate you want and that we have your

permission to mail them to you. If you are getting a vanity plate, please include the completed DMV Application for Initial Plates.

Transferring Plates – You can transfer plates from another vehicle if the primary owner of the old and the new vehicle is the same. You must surrender the original current registration for the vehicle you took off the road.

TYPE OF PURCHASE: From a New Hampshire dealer?

Send: 1. The Town Clerk copy of the dealer-prepared NH Certificate of Title application.

2. A copy of your Driver's License.

3. Your contact info with a note stating your plate choice and permission to mail them to you.

From an Out-Of-State dealer? Send:

1. The Town Clerk copy of the dealer or lender-prepared NH Certificate of Title application if one was prepared (not common).

2. A copy of your

signed bill of sale showing the name and address of your lienholder (if financed).

3. A copy of your Driver's License.

4. Your contact info with a note stating your plate choice and permission to mail them to you.

From a Private Sale? Send: 1. A copy of your Driver's License.

2. Your contact info with a note stating your plate choice and permission to mail them to you.

3. Vehicles 2000 or newer, the title to the vehicle properly executed on the back with Seller(s) and Buyer(s) signatures and the odometer reading AND a copy of your bill of sale if you have one.

4. If you financed the vehicle, we will need your lienholder information including their address.

5. Vehicles 1999 or older, a proper bill of sale AND a copy of the title, or an original registration from the last owner, or a VIN Verification from the local Police Department or

Inspection Station.

Leased Vehicle?

Send: 1. The Town Clerk copy of the dealer-prepared NH Certificate of Title application OR a copy of your signed lease agreement.

2. A copy of your Driver's License

3. Your contact info with a note stating your plate choice and permission to mail them to you.

Payment - There are currently two options for payment.

1. You can send us your paperwork without a check. We will process the transaction and contact you with the amount. Once Town Hall receive your check made out to the Town of Londonderry for the correct amount, we will mail your registration (s) and/or plate (s) to you.

2. You can include a check made out to the Town of Londonderry, signed and dated with the amount left blank. We will fill in the amount once we have completed your transaction and we will mail your registra-

tion(s) which include a detailed receipt and/or plate(s) to you right away.

Do not mail or drop off cash. If you don't have checks, please get a money order. We are unable to accept credit/debit card payments over the phone at this time.

Processing Time - Please allow 5- 8 business days for receipt of your new registration from the time we receive your paperwork as we are processing vehicles as quickly as we can with only half of our staff in the office at a time.

Calling to check up on your transaction will only further delay the process.

Temporary Plates - We strongly recommend that you obtain 20-day plates for your vehicle as this will allow you to use your vehicle while we are getting your registration and hard plates ready for you. Contact the Concord DMV for instructions at 603-227-4000.

OBITUARY

Christine Marie Fletcher



Christine Marie Fletcher, 53, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully Saturday, May 2, 2020, in her home with loved ones at her side. Chris was born in Stoneham, MA on Nov. 17, 1966, a daughter of Richard and Janice (Rowe) Cooke.

Chris had a beautiful heart and was the type of person that would give you the shirt off her back without hesitation. She loved the beach and just about anywhere that the sunshine could touch her face. She was never afraid to give you her opinion without flinching or apology, but she never dismissed you for the choices you made. No matter the conversation, she would always end with "I Love you".

Chris is survived by her son and his wife, Corey and Sarah Fletcher of Bluffton, SC; daughter, Heather White of Lunenburg, MA; brother and wife, Richard Jr. and Michelle Cooke of Westwood, MA; life partner, Steve Funai of Londonderry, NH; several nieces, nephews and cousins as well as her beloved four legged friends Harley, Sandy and Zeus. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

Following cremation, there will be no services at this time. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the "Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester & Southern New Hampshire, 1070 Holt Ave., Suite 1400 Manchester, NH 03109. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Editorial

Challenging Times

To quote Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

I believe I speak for most when I say that all of the ideas expressed in the above quote have gone through our minds over the past month. We as a nation and individually have come face-to-face with an unseen enemy, Covid-19. Despite the dark thoughts that all humans entertain at times we must move into the light. The light is where each of us must find ourselves, not only for our family, but also for our communities.

We had a few new businesses open up in our community last year and you may have said to yourself "Oh, that's great, I'll have to get in there". Then suddenly the COVID-19 pandemic hit and you realize that even with all of your good intentions you have yet to stop in to check them out. We hope they all make it through these trying times. Hopefully the entire community understands why it is so important to support local businesses.

Access to reliable local news and information is among those valued local businesses. That is why your local newspaper is a critical component to the COVID-19 response. Our continued ability to serve our communities is being undermined by the financial harm posed by the current crisis.

In this moment, your local newspaper is working hard to keep you informed. Our papers have maintained their operations, and provided a wide range of information at no cost, all to help keep isolated individuals and families connected to their communities.

Unfortunately, the rapid and likely continued drop in advertising revenue from local businesses, as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, is having an immediate impact on your hometown paper and its ability to maintain their operations.

When it's locally owned, it's not just a business. It's a person who lives here, possibly a neighbor or someone you know from the gym or the park or school events. Likewise, the people they employ are your neighbors also. It's personal. It is all of our responsibilities to help our local business owners succeed. It is the core of our community, our lifeblood. Without our local business partners, we would be left with only the large national chains. These national businesses really have no ties to our community. They are looking only to get our money and run when times get rough.

Please make a pact with your family and friends to purchase everything you possibly can from local purveyors. Because it's not just business, it's their survival.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that when we as a community face challenges, we will be proud, and stand strong and buy local, shop local and give local and that includes the local paper!

Letters

In Praise of Town Teachers

To the editor,

I didn't want to let another day go by before I thanked, profusely and publicly, my children's teachers. So many articles you read in national papers these days are lamenting the state of their children's online education. It all happened too quickly, they say; the teachers were unprepared for, and ill-suited to, the tasks associated with shifting to remote learning. I am so incredibly grateful to say that our experience has been the opposite. With just a week to pull everything together, my kids' teachers at the middle school and high school were able to make the transition with great success. My kids have been busy, challenged, using new methods to communicate, and learning new skills (some social, some academic). Yes, there are tough days occasionally, but in those instances, I had simply to reach out to the teacher with my concerns and within hours, my child was on a video chat (complete with jokes, pets, and other comforting ways of taking the edge off the situation).

Many in our country are worried that students will end the year "behind" where they were supposed to be when we get out in June. I really doubt that this is the case with my kids; but if it is, it is not from any deficiency in their educational experience. That has been just about as good as it can be. Thank you so much to

each teacher, who is working crazy hours and putting in the extra effort to make sure no student is left behind; and thank you to the administration, for supporting your teachers so well, and being a voice of reason while we all go through this extremely unsettling time.

Best,
Jennifer Locke
Londonderry

Disappointed in Town Goals

To the editor,

I was dismayed to read that the Londonderry Town Council's goals for the upcoming year do not include reducing our property taxes.

Our town residents are struggling financially during this pandemic and need tax relief.

Our Town Manager seems to think this is found money to be spent at will, when it really should be refunded to property owners.

On a different note, please remind hunters to get the landowner's permission before hunting on private property.

Caroline Schulze
Londonderry

Rockingham County Coronavirus Cases Are Massachusetts Related

To the editor,

Even though many businesses are shut down there are still some essential businesses open which employ people in New Hampshire and in Massachusetts. There continues to be a flow to Massachu-

setts of workers who live in Rockingham County New Hampshire and they are probably bringing back some of the coronavirus germs to their homes in New Hampshire. However, they feel they have to continue earning a living and hopefully are taking precautions to minimize exposure to the coronavirus.

A more serious situation is all of the Massachusetts residents who are travelling up to Rockingham County New Hampshire to purchase food and other items, probably especially toilet paper and sanitizer. My wife and I typically go for a ride around Rockingham County communities every day, including Londonderry, Derry, Chester, Auburn, Windham, Salem, Raymond, Epping, Fremont, Exeter and Stratham and we see a lot of cars with Massachusetts plates on the roadways.

What is more troubling are the number of Massachusetts cars parked in driveways day after day. Evidently friends and relatives in New Hampshire are allowing friends and relatives from Massachusetts to stay with them and are thereby increasing the likelihood of infestation in New Hampshire.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

June 2nd Deadline for Party Changes

While there is much we don't know about what September will bring, we do know that

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Hero Day Celebrated for School Lunch Workers



Wicked Scoops Ice Cream and Coffee owner Don Charette made his way over to the Londonderry High School Cafe to deliver a gift of ice cream and coffee to workers during the "School Lunch Hero Day." The Food Services staff at the school have been providing hundreds of breakfast and lunch deliveries each day for students who need them throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Letters

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June 2nd is the last day that people may change their party affiliation. After that date, your party affiliation will determine your eligibility to participate in the Democratic or Republican primaries.

As always, if you are registered Undeclared, you may choose to participate in either Prima-

ry on election day. But if you are registered as Republican or Democrat, you are only eligible to participate in that particular Primary.

In an effort to ensure party changes are possible while we continue to have virtual Town Hall operations, I am mailing out party change forms to those voters who wish to change their affiliation. Voters may either mail those forms

back to Town Hall to my attention or they can scan/take a picture of the form and email it to me.

Is this something you might be able to share in the paper? Voters can reach out to me at my town email or my cell phone (below) with either questions or a

request for a form. We'll be confirming mailing addresses match voter records before sending.

Let me know if you have any questions - hope you're well!

Kristin Grages
Supervisor of the Checklist, Chairman
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Town Manager Gives Council Update on Shape of Finances

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night Town Council meeting, which was held on May 4, via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Town Manager Kevin Smith gave members a briefing on the state of the town.

He said the town has been looking at budget reports every week, and things are in pretty good shape from where they were last week. "On the revenue side, we should be at about 83.6 percent at this point in the year, and we're at about 85.88 percent. So, we're a little ahead of the game. One of the biggest items that

came in, was our Highway Block Grant monies, which was the final payment for this fiscal year."

He added that some of the areas they were watching closely were motor vehicle permits, which are at about 88 percent right now, building permits are trending a little lower than usual. They are at about two percent lower than where the town should be. The only area lagging behind is some payments from Comcast in the Cable Department.

He told the board that financially the town is in good shape, but they will be closely monitoring it over the next eight weeks.

Smith said that on the expenditure side, because of the spending freeze, they were also in good shape heading into June.

He also informed the council that Londonderry would be receiving \$614,000 from the state through the CARES Act. The money is for reimbursement of qualifying expenses, and it cannot be used to supplement any lost revenue.

The Governor also announced that all fire and police personnel would be receiving a \$300 per week stipend over the next eight weeks. That money also comes from the CARES Act.

Smith also mentioned that virtual services at Town Hall are working out very well. Because of the latest Stay at Home Order issued by the Governor, they will continue those operations until the month of June.

Smith continued by bringing the council up to speed on the Abatement of Tax Interest. He said, "After a number of discussions with Attorney Ramsdell on this, we have figured out the best way to go forward on it, which is to comply and exercise our authority under the current statute, meaning, we send the tax bills out, like we normally would,

July 1. If people are making late payments on their taxes, the interest will accrue on those payments until the taxes are paid in full. At such time, they apply for an abatement on the interest and on the application there is a box to check off for financial hardship, and we can abate that interest after the taxes have been paid."

This method of filing for abatement has not changed from the process that already exists in town already.

He finished by saying that under the Governor's Executive Order, there will be no Tax Deeding during this period.

Londonderry Fire Chief Darren O'Brien wrapped up the Monday night meeting by giving an update on the COVID-19 pandemic.

He told the council that the latest figures put Londonderry in the top five in the state for infected residents with 36 residents. He said the number have been steadily increasing over the last week or so, and asked residents to abide by the governor's Stay at Home Order and practice social distancing.

He urged people to wear masks when they go out. He is also working to prepare for some local businesses to open up.

Conservation

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The family is looking to have a plaque placed there with their name on it showing that they donated the parcel.

Member Mike Byerly brought up the concern that if the town could even designate the island as a bird sanctuary, and if it was possible,

The Commission voted to forward a memo to the Town Council accepting the donation.

Also discussed at the meeting, was the Department of Transportation (DOT) land on South Road being sold to the town.

The idea was to have the land connect to the Kendall Pond Trails, to the turtle sanctuary and the rest of the DOT prop-

erty. Members were concerned the trail would be too close to the water's edge.

The Commission ideally would like the trail to be near the water, but they are still in discussion on what to do with it. It was agreed any conservation restrictions were to stay in place for the land. Marge Badois stated that the concern with the donation is that they want to make sure that the Commission isn't going to try to make a

profit off of the land.

Another item discussed was an idea from Town Council liaison, Deb Paul, to create a 50x50sq/ft butterfly garden at the Overlook Conservation area, which is at the end Town Forest with help from the Garden Club used as an educational tool and attracting pollinators.

The Londonderry Historical Society also contacted the Garden Club to add an heirloom garden into the Morrison House and to expand a community herb garden there. She thinks this will add beauty to the town. Deb Paul states to hopefully start the project by next Spring.

One of the new business items discussed was about a resident

looking for recommendations from the Commission to build a house on his property on Brewster Road near Scobie Pond.

The property owner, who was attending the meeting through phone, stated that in order for him to build, the town told him he would have to double the width of Brewster Road. He stated he has no intentions of tearing down any of the woods, doing any damage to the area, and wants to leave the roads as they are. He doesn't think it is in the town's best interest to do so much work on Brewster Road.

The issue at hand is that the road has to be wider to be able to get a building permit and he doesn't want to take

property from other houses on the road and mess up the wetlands.

The Commission agreed to look more into it, but didn't think their recommendation would be in his favor.

The meeting ended with a discussion about the use of maps at Kendall Pond and Adams Pond. They felt that people are using the maps there a lot more.

Last year at this time, people were using only 30 maps per week and this year at Adams Pond it has been 100 maps per week for the past three weeks. This information is showing that a lot more people are using the Londonderry trails this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and are making use of the trails.

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OBITUARY



Joseph Francis Hennigan

Joseph Francis Hennigan, 92, formerly of Londonderry, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 28, at High Pointe House Haverhill, MA with his son by his side. He was blessed to have the constant support of his children during these trying times. Born Aug. 29, 1927 in Somerville, MA. He was one of 10 children & the son of William and Mary (Devlin) Hennigan. Joseph was raised & educated in Somerville, MA and was a graduate of Newman Prep, attended Boston College & Northeastern University.

Joe served in the U.S. Army during World War II & was proud to serve his country. He was part of the Greatest Generation, surviving the great depression & WWII. Upon returning home from his service he resumed work for the MBTA for 32 years, retiring as Manager of Purchasing Analysis & Specifications at the age of 48. He came out of retirement, to be a consultant for J. David White Associates and Eastern Transit Products until retiring once again in 1989 at the age of 62.

Joseph was a longtime communicant of St. Mark the Evangelist Church of Londonderry. A member of the "Men of St. Joseph". He loved his church family & enjoyed sharing coffee & donuts after Mass. You could find him on Friday mornings in the corner booth at the Northside Restaurant having breakfast with his friends the "ROMEOS", as family & friends were his lifeblood.

He had moved around over the years, then settled as a long-time resident of Harvest Village in Londonderry, NH, & was an active member & former president of the community. Joe participated in activities, & liked calling bingo, performed gardening, attended potlucks/parties & he could be seen delivering his newsletter "Up & Down Rainbow Drive" with a big smile on his face.

He was a news junkie always up for sharing an opinion or two, loved country music & could be identified by the name "Joe Cool". Joe enjoyed writing, mastered old school English and was most proud of his autobiography, poetry & his history books for the American Legion Post 26, White River Junction VT, for which he won awards & served as a Post 26 Commander for one year.

He enjoyed bowling in his younger years with his father & brother Paul & in later years participating in his Senior Golf League. Joe would say, "If I hold to any fundamental truth, it is to live simply and to love and be loyal to family, friends, job and country. God will take care of everything else."

He is survived by; his son, William J. Hennigan of Woburn, MA; daughters, Colleen P. Pierce, her husband James, of Derry, NH; Deirdre J. Doherty, her husband John, of Plaistow, NH; grandchildren, Sean, Colleen, Riley & Delaney Hennigan, Hannah and Mackenzie Pierce, Sarah & Leah Doherty; great grandchildren, Nico & Kylee Fonseca, Jasper Doherty Tremblay; sisters, Barbara Meehan, Joanne Dussault & husband Mel, Ann Fearing & husband Bob; brother-in-law Ed Burke, & many nieces, nephews & cousins.

Joe was predeceased by his beloved wife Margaret (Latsko) Hennigan in 2011, his first wife, Carol (Fitzgerald) Hennigan, his grandson Jonathan Joseph Doherty, stepson Richard Matz, brothers, William & Paul Hennigan, sisters, Rosemary Evans & husband Robert, Patricia Carley & husband Emerson, Virginia Burke, Dorothy Rossetti & husband Buddy, brother-in-law Mickey Meehan, best friend Charlie Alabiso & wife Mary, close companion Genevieve Velt in his twilight years.

Funeral services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 or charity of one's choice. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Taking to the Trails: Escape the Confinement

PAUL MARGOLIN
SUBMISSION

Welcome to the first official column from Londonderry Trailways. We are a group of 10 "board member" volunteers who take great pride in developing, maintaining and promoting the Town's many walking trails. But most of all, we love taking to the trails ourselves, just to experience them. In the months ahead, we look forward to sharing with you our passion for the packed earth pathways, paved rail trails, historic routes - and even the occasional ruts and roots - of Londonderry's vast trail network.

In this uncertain time of public health concerns and limited opportunities for social engagement, many of you have found release, relief and pleasure along the Rail Trail; and we couldn't be happier. I often see neighbors paired up and walking down our street for some fresh air and exercise, and my wife and I are among them. During a recent walk on the newest segment of the Rail Trail that borders the scenic Little Cohas Brook, I counted 62 peo-

ple and 7 dogs (not to mention 10 bikers, 7 joggers, 5 strollers, and an in-line skater!).

Nevertheless, we hope you've seen the recent signage posted along the Rail Trail from the Fire Department, which is requesting trail enthusiasts to "Help us help you," regarding social distancing:

1. Do not use the trails if you are feeling sick or are exhibiting symptoms

2. Share the trail & warn others as you approach.

3. Follow the CDC's rules on personal hygiene before visiting the trail

4. Maintain the recommended 6 feet of separation

"To park or not to park"

Here are some other advisories that we hope you'll find helpful. When parking your car on a visit to the Rail Trail, be sure to choose a spot that is safe and secure, and that is not a commercial parking lot. (Local businesses need to reserve their parking places for their customers.) The best places to park near the Trail are:

- In the parking lot

across the street from North Elementary School on Sanborn Road (when school is not in session)

- At the state Park and Ride on the west side of I-93 Exit 5 at 4 Symmes Drive. Choose the overflow or long term lots.

- At the Peat Bog segment trailhead on Independence Drive, where it intersects with Liberty Drive. On weekends, residents also have permission to park in Duncan's European Automotive parking lot, just around the corner at 3 Liberty Drive.

Please do not park at the southern end of the trail by the intersection of Rockingham Road and Seasons Lane; along Verani Way; or in the Poor Boy's Diner parking lot.

Walking the dog

Lastly, a word about what one might call the "elephant on the trail": ...dog poop. (Ahem.) Our trails are wonderful for walking your dog. Dogs love to be there, and we all love to bring them. (In fact, I had to remind my wife recently to refrain from petting a particularly cute cairn terrier - another temporarily prohibited

behavior.) Believe it or not, I recently met a woman on a secluded trail who was hiking with her two cats!

Now, most people do the right thing and come prepared: when nature calls (the dog), they scoop up the poop in a small plastic bag and take responsibility for disposing it when they leave the trail. However, all too often we see a small blue, red or green bag left along the trail, as if the Sanitation Department does daily pickups. Well, they don't.

So dog owners: please don't forget to carry out your pet's waste, so the beauty and cleanliness of the trail can be fully enjoyed by all. Don't just bag it - as our trail signs say, "Clean up after your dog." We appreciate your compliance.

The cold weather is finally receding, so keep making your getaway to Londonderry's great outdoors, and enjoy all the variety that our many trails offer. For more information about them, check out our website at www.londonderrytrails.org.

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School Lunch Workers Feed Students During Pandemic



Food Service During Remote Learning - The Dining Service staff at Londonderry High School was busy Monday morning packaging about 500 meals for area students to be picked up for Monday and Tuesday. They also prepare meals on Wednesday for Wednesday and Thursday pick up and Friday for the weekends. Amanda Venezia, the school's Dining Services Director and her staff are dedicated to making sure those who need breakfast and lunch in town, will be able to get it. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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School

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ed about how the teachers, administrators, students, and parents have worked together to make remote learning a success in Londonderry. While there are many challenges with everything going on in our world, all of the stakeholders have stepped up and made the best of a difficult situation.”

Remote learning has had atleast a 95% participation rate K-12 since

it's initiation.

Dining services continues to provide meals Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays via curbside service at the High School from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Peter Curro gave an update on the schools financial position stating there could be an “estimated” surplus of up to 1.1 million dollars this year - mostly due to the buildings not being open.

Superintendent Laliberte gave an update on

the end of the year events.

He offered his sympathy for those students who will be unable to experience many of the end of the year events that students from other years have had. Senior activities, including prom and graduation, were moved to the end of July.

The next Board meeting will be also be a remote meeting. It occurred on May 5, after the Londonderry Times went to press.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Track Club Looks to Continue 'From Couch to 5K' Program

KELSEY DERHAK
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Track club's annual Couch to 5k Program is still looking to operate once social distancing is lifted in the state of New Hampshire. The Couch to 5k Program is one of many programs the non-profit organization runs for the local community. Normally opening their program for beginning runners in April the program has been postponed until Summer or Fall, "we have to watch the guidelines, but we are still looking to have

the program this year," says the club's president, John McGarry.

The Couch to 5k Program is the only known free program in New Hampshire that will take you from no running experience to running a 5k in about two months time. Sign-ups are for those who are beginner runners looking to learn the basics and run their first 5k (3.1 miles). The program starts runners off at a slower pace to help progress them towards running a 5k road race at the end of their program. The program usually ends with

the participants running in the Run for Freedom, typically held on July 4th, however this year's race might look a little different. The Run for Freedom is a race put on by the Greater Derry Track club that supports the Liberty House, an organization that helps homeless veterans get job training, healthcare, and transitional housing.

The running program takes participants and helps them train twice a week for about eight to nine weeks. Training sessions are led by veteran runners

that volunteer their time to help those who are willing to find the same joy in running. There are two training sessions a week, one held at the Windham Rail Trail on Wednesday nights and the other on Saturday mornings that is held at the Pinkerton Academy track. Those who participate in the program are welcome to educational talks as well. The GDAC hosts guest speakers for the participants in the program. Participants get a great deal of information about running, from places such as Runner's Alley.

Alongside information concerning nutrition and the guest speakers' participants in the

program can also join the Greater Derry Track club free for one year. The GDAC Couch to 5k program helps individuals not only with physical transformations such as weight loss, but has even seen those who have smoked for most of their life be able to quit and find success in the program as well. For those participants who cross the finish line of their first 5k it is a great feeling. This is also true for those volunteering to help these first time runners succeed. "One of the best days is watching them cross the finish line and getting to put the medal around their neck after the race," says McGarry.

The Greater Derry Track Club also puts together races for kids in the summer. Members of the GDTC volunteer their time once a week and hold The Kids Fun Runs in the summer, which is open to kids from age 2-92. The Kids Fun Run program is free to all and boasts about 400 participants and is just one of many opportunities provided by the GDTC to get outside and run.

The Greater Derry Track Club is looking for sponsors for this year's Couch to 5k Program. If you are interested in helping out this year's program please contact Frannie Day by email at: fday@comcast.net

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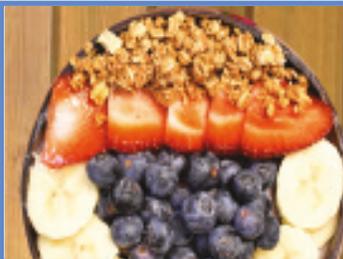


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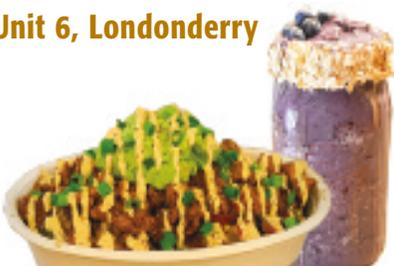
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Aviation Museum Holds Virtual 'Around the World' Flight

After departing Manchester on Friday, May 1, vintage DC-3 aircraft continues across the Atlantic via Greenland and Iceland

Online adventure to supplement remote learning during Covid-19 school shutdown; teachers, students invited to suggest destinations

An around-the-world flight adventure that began last week is now underway, crossing the North Atlantic on its way to explore Europe and beyond.

It's the first part of a simulated global flight undertaken by the Aviation Museum of N.H. during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The online program will give students, teachers, and armchair travelers the chance to circle

the globe, visiting and flying over dozens of exotic and historic places along the way.

The flight, in a vintage DC-3 twin-engined propeller aircraft, departed on Friday, May 1 from Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. After stopping in Gander, Newfoundland, the flight then proceeded to Goose Bay, Labrador, where it landed on Sunday, May 3.

On Tuesday, May 5, the flight is scheduled to reach Narsarsuaq Airport on the west coast of Greenland, and then on Thursday, May 7 it's Reykjavik, Iceland. From there, on Saturday, May 9 they'll aim for Prestwick Airport outside Glasgow, Scotland.

The online adventure, complete with info about the places being

visited, can be followed online at www.aviation-museumofnh.org

New flight segments, including video footage of take-offs, landings, and sights along the way, will be posted every two days.

Destinations for the journey's first few two weeks include flyovers of Stonehenge in England, Big Ben and Parliament in London, the English Channel, and the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

"Using our flight simulator to journey around the world is a fun way for students of all ages to explore and learn about the planet," said Jeff Rapis, the museum's executive director. "It's the ultimate field trip."

"The terrain software has the entire globe at our fingertips. And so



Aviation Museum volunteer Jay Carter installs software needed to render and fly a virtual DC-3 on the Elite flight simulator. The Museum's around-the-world flight adventure departed Friday, May 1 from Manchester-Boston

with schools closed and people staying at home, we figured a flight around the world is just what people could use."

The journey will be managed by Aviation Museum volunteers, with the flying to be handled by a "celebrity guest pilot." The pilot's identity will be kept a closely guarded secret until the around-the-world flight arrives back at Manchester.

The Aviation Museum is currently closed to

the public due to the coronavirus pandemic; a re-opening date hasn't been set, which means the flight will be exploring the globe for an undetermined time.

Now that the flight is underway, followers will be invited to suggest destinations via the Aviation Museum's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nhahs

The Aviation Museum's "Virtual Around-The-World Flight Adventure" is made possible

with support from the museum's members and generous donors, including Wire Belt Co. of America of Londonderry, N.H. and Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

The Aviation Museum of N.H., 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, N.H. is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

Housed in the original 1937 passenger terminal at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, the museum is dedicated to celebrating New Hampshire's role in aviation history and inspiring tomorrow's pioneers, innovators and aerospace professionals.

For more information, visit www.aviation-museumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

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Greater Derry Arts Council Starts Art Projects on the Rail Trail

KELSEY DERHAK
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Arts Council has begun their latest project to bring more art into the local community. They have recently started bringing art to the Derry Rail Trail. The Derry Rail Trail currently spans four miles through the town of Derry and into Windham. The trail is familiar to many walkers, runners, bikers, and people of all ages in the local towns, who frequently use the trail to enjoy the scenery that New Hampshire has to offer. The hope is to expand the trail and connect into the town of Londonderry. This would connect the three towns with a paved trail that will allow even more people to enjoy this scenic route through New

Hampshire.

The Greater Derry Arts Council (GDAC) is doing their best to bring the love of local art to the trail. This group is currently starting on a number of projects that can be seen by those who use the trail. The GDAC is a non-profit organization founded in 1993, with a goal of encouraging and supporting the arts in the town of Derry and other surrounding areas. The idea behind this project is to bring more art appreciation and enjoyment to the people using the trail and provide artists with a wonderful place to showcase their art. It started with Karen Lincoln, member of the Greater Derry Art Council's Public Arts Committee. "Karen brought forward this idea as a way

to expose some fun art to all ages and abilities of people who use the trail," says Beverly Donovan, a Trustee of the organization. The project's goal is to bring in art such as painted poetry that can be seen along the trail, the Kindness Rocks Project, murals, and a public sculpture. Some art pieces have already been finished and are visible along the trail, with more pieces to be placed along the way in the future. "The art that is depicted now (and in the future) is solely there to make folks smile. These days we could all use a bit of whimsy," adds Donovan. The arts council is even looking to bring back the painted pianos and host pop-up art displays along the trail as well.

There are high hopes

for this project being able to have a positive impact on the community. "We look to do projects that are accessible to everyone and we hope to engage the public in that process as much as possible," says Donovan. The main goal of the Public Arts Committee of the GDAC is community involvement. The GDAC is looking to help elevate the work of local artists in our creative community. The GDAC feels strongly that there is a benefit to adding art to the trail that so many people enjoy using. The GDAC is hoping these whimsical additions will help attract more people than just those in the surrounding towns and it will encourage people from all over the state to come and enjoy the trail and the art as well. The



The Kindness Rocks Project is currently underway at the Derry Rail Trail and bringing colorful art to the walkways.

Greater Derry Arts Council is prepared to do its part in improving the town's economy by helping elevate a community staple by adding its own creative touch to a place already enjoyed by many.

The Greater Derry Arts Council is always

looking to highlight local artists and welcomes new ideas to add the gift of art to the community. They welcome anyone to get in touch with them via their Facebook page, Greater Derry Arts Council-Public Arts Committee.

NH Recognizes Drinking Water Week, May 3 to 9

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is celebrating Drinking Water Week, May 3 to 9, by recognizing the essential workers who ensure we have clean drinking water. New Hampshire drinking water operators are working behind the scenes to deliver safe, clean water to your home or business, so that you can wash your hands and help the world slow or stop the spread of COVID-19. Water operators make this possible.

"New Hampshire's public water delivery system is managed by a dedicated

workforce whose commitment to safeguarding public health is second to none. We salute you for keeping our communities supplied with clean water, a resource which is even more critical during the pandemic," said Jennifer Palmiotto, Executive Director of Granite State Rural Water Association.

"The water operator workforce is the utility's most valuable asset, delivering clean and reliable water to prevent public health threats," stated Erick Toledo, State Lead from RCAP (Resources for Communities And People) Solutions. During this pan-

demic they have used their training and knowledge of their water systems and communities to adapt in creative ways. "Drinking water systems have demonstrated innovation and flexibility to maintain uninterrupted, safe water supplies. From splitting work shifts, to changing sampling locations, to following PPE and social distancing guidelines, operators, suppliers, contractors and regulators are working together to keep the clean water flowing," said Boyd Smith, Executive Director of NH Water Works Association. Additionally, operators across New Hampshire are act-

ively sharing resources and the best of what they have learned to support each other.

The 2,500 public water systems (PWSs) in New Hampshire serve approximately 54% of homes, in addition to nearly all schools, places of work and public places such as restaurants. Federal and state regulations require that PWSs remove or kill any contaminants, including viruses. As part of everyday procedures, operators employ a multi-barrier approach to prevent issues from developing and to treat them if they do occur. According to the CDC, "There is no

evidence showing anyone has gotten COVID-19 through drinking water, recreational water, or wastewater."

NHDES and its partner organizations – New Hampshire Water Works Association (NHWWA), RCAP Solutions and Granite State Rural Water Association (GSRWA), are working to support water systems and operators. Sarah Pillsbury, Administrator of the NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau stated that, "In addition to maintaining oversight to ensure water is tested and treated, NHDES is serving as a hub for water systems

to get and share reliable, up-to-date information and support." NHWWA, RCAP and GSRWA also provide support to increase water and wastewater systems' technical, managerial and financial capacity and are working with NHDES and system operators to adapt to COVID-related challenges.

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Yoga For Children

Do you have an active 3-6 year old? Upper Room offers Yoga for Children on Fridays from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m., May 8 - June 28. Free live on Zoom. Preregistration required, facilitated by the Childlight Education Company. Register at www.bit.ly/yogaconnect, Email skoza@URteacher.org with questions.

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Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly work-



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Gavin Foster, a fourth grade student at Matthew Thornton Elementary School made this for his remote learning art project from things we had around the house after his mom, Christine Foster, of Londonderry, a MRI technologist at Mass General Hospital, told him the story of how Bob Kraft helped send MGH some much needed safety supplies. Gavin wanted to show how thankful he was.

shops offering families information, discussion and support.

Food Pantry Open

The Upper Room's Food Pantry is Open; Monday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Thursday 3 - 4 p.m. contact-free pick up at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Call 437-8477 x10 with questions.

Raising a teenager?

Upper Rooms Parent & caregiver café (PaCC) is on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies.

Teen Talk

Upper Room offers Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18 yrs. On Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. A virtual place for teens to talk, connect, relate and support each other. To access, visit: www.zoom.us/j/111147286, Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Password: 694887. Contact: Nicole Smith Martin at nmartin@urteachers.org or call 437-8477 x29.

On My Own Teen Series

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Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30 a.m., facilitated by The Upper Room, weekly free remote support programs are available. To access: Contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

Building Skills

The Upper room is helping individuals in recovery build skills, confidence and start a career Bridge to WorkReadyNH Tuition Free Online from May 11 - 29. This 1-3 week course is self-paced and easy to follow. The 6 modules are interactive and coupled with virtual meetings with the instructor. Self-Leadership, Communication, Collaboration, Organization & Time Management Getting Your Job Search Started and Personal Development. To enroll,

contact Tim Jones at tcjones@ccsnh.edu.

Couch to 5K

The Greater Derry Track Club is adjusting as well. We are trying to be optimistic about summer activities. We are hoping to schedule our Couch to 5K programs this summer. However, it's up in the air as to whether the associated race will be the Run for Freedom on July 4. Thank you to those of you who sponsored the 2020 Couch to 5K program. We are grateful and hope to provide this program within the year. If you have any questions please send me an email: fdlay@gdgc.org

Leach Library

The Leach Library will be closed to the public until further notice.

CART Transitions to Essential Trips only

In an effort to keep drivers and the ridership of CART safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, CART will transition to essential only. CART will communicate with all passengers who have current trips scheduled and make adjustments where appropriate. Essential travel will include medically necessary trips (dialysis, pharmacy, etc.) as well as trips

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to the grocery store. CART will work with passengers to accommodate the essential trips and will work on timing to be as

flexible as possible. Service will remain available to all towns, 5 days a week. Any questions, concerns or comments should be directed to mwhitten@mtabus.org or phone CART at 603-792-5151. CART looks forward to restoring regular

service levels as soon as this crisis passes.

Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club's annual plant sale has a new location this year at the Robert Frost Farm, Route 28, in Derry

on May 30 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. This event is our biggest fundraiser for the year and all proceeds go toward improving Conservation efforts in town and supporting our community projects. The plants come from our

members' gardens as well as those donated by nurseries and our supporters. Our plants are guaranteed to be "clean". We make every effort not to transmit diseases and abide by all good gardening practices. We have knowledge-

able gardeners on site to answer any questions you may have. Please join us on May 30.

Matching Game

The Leach Library's Children's Room will be
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Monday - April 27
12:19 a.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Bunker Hill Drive.
9:17 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Delta Drive at ECCO Corporation.
1:51 p.m. Served Warrant and made arrest at Brentwood Jail. John Paul Stacy, 47, of Hooksett charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking of Over \$1,501; and Unauthorized Use.
5:19 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by three officers on Grenier Blvd.
7:48 p.m. Unlawful activities investigated on Nashua Road at Staples.

Tuesday - April 28
1:26 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Sanborn Road at Bacon Barn
7:31 a.m. Services rendered for Wires Down on Old Derry Road.

2:02 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Nashua Road.
7:34 p.m. Disturbance reported on Winding Pond Road.
9:14 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Devonshire Lane.
11:52 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

Wednesday - April 29
9:19 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Turf Depot on Nashua Road.
9:54 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Reed Street.
11:08 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.
12:27 p.m. Fish & Game Violations investigated at Rail Trail on Independence Drive.

1:03 p.m. Brush Fire extinguished on Harvey Road at Rail Trail on Planeview Drive.
4:16 p.m. Attempted Suicide transported to hospital from Vista Ridge Drive.
5:51 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by 17 officers on Beacon Street. Daniel Paul Gentile, 59, of Londonderry charged with Stalking (Domestic Violence); Domestic Violence (Simple Assault; Physical Contact); Breach of Bail; Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

Thursday - April 30
12:13 p.m. Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity on Mammoth Road.
1:14 p.m. Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity on Perkins Road

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NH U.S. Attorney Asks Public To Report Sexual Harassment In Housing

U.S. Attorney Scott W. Murray is asking anyone who has witnessed or experienced sexual harassment by a landlord, property manager, maintenance worker, loan officer or anyone with control over housing to report that conduct to the Department of Justice. The request is part of an enhanced effort by the Department of Justice to combat predatory housing practices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic has decreased the ability of many people to pay rent on time and has increased housing insecurity. People who are out of work may be targeted for

attempted sexual exploitation by housing providers. The Department of Justice has heard reports of housing providers trying to take advantage of the crisis by demanding sexual favors and other unwelcomed sexual conduct from tenants. Sexual harassment in housing is illegal, and the Department of Justice stands ready to investigate such allegations and pursue enforcement actions where appropriate.

"It is simply outrageous that a tenant would be subjected to sexual harassment while attempting to cope with paying the rent on time," said U.S. Attorney Murray.

"Predatory practices directed at people who are struggling to maintain their homes will not be tolerated. Landlords or others in control of housing should be working with tenants to address housing insecurity in this very difficult time. Those who are striving to assist the financially disadvantaged should be commended. Those who seek to sexually harass and exploit tenants are violating the law and will be held accountable for their conduct."

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire will work closely with federal, state, and local partners to identify inci-

dents of sexual harassment in housing.

The Justice Department's Sexual Harassment in Housing Initiative www.justice.gov/crt/sexual-harassment-housing-initiative is an effort to combat sexual harassment in housing led by the Civil Rights Division, in coordination with U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country. The goal of the Initiative is to address sexual harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, loan officers or other people who have control over housing.

Launched in 2017, the Initiative has filed lawsuits across the county alleging a pattern or practice of sexu-

al harassment in housing and recovered millions of dollars in damages for harassment victims. The Justice Department's investigations frequently uncover sexual harassment that has been ongoing for years. Many individuals do not know that being sexually harassed by a housing provider can violate federal law or that the Department of Justice may be able to help.

The Department of Justice, through the Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney's Offices, enforces the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status,

national origin, and disability. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by the Act.

The Department encourages anyone who has experienced sexual harassment in housing, or knows someone who has, to contact the Civil Rights Division by calling (844) 380-6178 or emailing fairhousing@usdoj.gov.

Individuals may also file a complaint alleging harassment or discrimination in housing with the Department of Housing and Urban Development through HUD's website www.hud.gov/pr o g r a m _ o f f i c e s / f a i r _ h o u s i n g _ e q u a l _ o p p / o n l i n e - c o m p l a i n t or by calling (800) 669-9777.

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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.

Touch A Truck!

Free family event offers hands-on opportunities for children to Explore, Climb, and Touch trucks, emergency response vehicles, heavy

machinery, and other equipment. On June 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at West Running Brook Middle School 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry. A kid's fire muster will be held on the rear field hosted by your very own Derry Fire Department. Prepare to be Amazed by the BMX Stunt Show who will be promoting helmet safety and showing off their BMX skills. Don't forget to pick up your Free all-purpose helmet provided by the Derry Police Department and

get sized by Derry PD Officers with assistance from Derry Cooperative School Staff Members! Jump in line early - helmet sizes and numbers are limited. BMX Stunt Shows will take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Horn/siren free hour is 10 - 11 a.m. (for sensitive ears). Overflow parking is located at the following locations: Derry SAU Office: 18 South Main St., and Derry Village School: 28 South Main St. A free shuttle will be provided to and from the event at

each above location.

Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

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maybe in need. Call Kay at 434-1827 to make an appointment to pickup your food from the pantry. "We are there for the people and want to help them."

Evolve!

A group for young

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

Police Log

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at Sleep Inn.

4:58 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Orchard Creek Way.

5:48 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Nashua Road.

9:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Friday - May 1

9:56 p.m. Services rendered during a Domestic Disturbance on Premier Drive.

10:47 a.m. Auto Theft

investigated at Executive Health Sports Center on Highlander Way.

2:56 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Crestview Circle.

6:57 p.m. Weapons Offenses reported at Power Lines on Wiley Hill Road.

7:15 p.m. Welfare Check by three officers leads to an arrest made on Gilcreast Road at Commons Drive.

Saturday - May 2

8:52 a.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Rainbow

Drive.

9:34 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Tyler Drive.

1:23 p.m. Services rendered for Animal Control on Sutton Place.

6:16 p.m. Report of Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest made on Rockingham Road at RMZ Truck Stop. Three officers assist with charging Kevin Conklin,

53, of Derry with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault/Physical Contact); and taken into Protective Custody for alcohol.

Sunday - May 3

1:57 a.m. Peace restored by four officers after disturbance on Trolley Car Lane.

6:45 a.m. Services rendered Animal Control on Finch Circle.

11:07 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Winding Pond Road.

3:41 p.m. A Welfare Check by four officers leads to an arrest made on Sandstone Circle.

9:49 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Alexander Road.

OBITUARY

Richard H. Carlson

Richard H. Carlson, 87, of Londonderry passed way Sunday May 3, 2020 surrounded by his loving family in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1933 in Arlington, Mass., the son of Henry and Ruth (Potter) Carlson. Richard worked as a mechanical engineer for Raytheon for many years.

He is survived by his daughter, Brenda Demirjian of Sandown, NH; two sons, Doug Carlson of Valerica, FL and Glenn Carlson of West Virginia and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, Natalie (Stanford) Carlson in 2013.

There are no services at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held by the family at a later date when it is safe to gather together again. Memorial contributions may be made to Londonderry United Methodist Church, 258 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneral-home.com



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