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Water Ways Down Residents may be noticing that area water bodies are starting to show signs of the lack of rain that the area has been seeing this season. The NHDES is encouraging well users to start to conserve as the state heads into the heat of the summer. See related story on page 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Zoning Board Approves Apple Tree Mall Pole Banner Plan

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Wednesday night, June 17, meeting of the Londonderry Zoning Board, members gave their approval to the owners of the Apple Tree Mall to allow them

to continue to hang 24 signs from the light poles in the parking area of the shopping plaza, despite the fact that those types of signs are prohibited in town.

The meeting had been continued from May 20 and Kathy Fran-

son of Vernco Apple, LLC, owner of the Apple Tree Shopping Center, presented the plan to the Zoning Board. She was requesting a variance from the town's zoning codes that prohibits hanging vinyl **continued on page 2**

Town Council Holds Off on Junkyard License Renewals

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The annual conditions of permitting the two junkyards left in Londonderry was brought into discussion at the latest Town Council meeting, on Monday night, June 15, as the permits for the junkyards in town are up for renewal on July 1. This was the first Town Council meeting that was actually held at Town Hall since the pandemic, but people wishing to comment from home could do so.

Londonderry's Chief Building Inspector, Richard Canuel, made the recommendation to the board that both S&S Metals Recycling Inc. and Murray's Auto Recycling Center both have

their licenses renewed as of July 1.

Canuel summarized that there have been some violations from both Murray's and S&S. Whereas Murray's had some vehicles that were visible on top of the fence line and fencing fabric became loose. Canuel noted that the owner takes care of violations in a timely manner. Canuel has also reminded S&S that, per condition of their license, their trailers and dumpsters have to be parked behind a certain point on the property. S&S has also corrected their violations in a timely manner.

The board also heard from a resident, Richard Bielinski, who called into the meeting. Bielinski,

who lives near Murray's Auto, on Hall Road, commented that the junkyard has been a problem for over 20 years. "It gets cleaned up around this time of year (license renewal), so for two to three weeks it looks okay but then 80-90% of the year you can see the cars." Bielinski also noted that he thinks there should be something put in place to keep them [Murray's] accountable for staying within compliance for a majority of the year.

In an effort to be able to enforce compliance for the Murray's Auto junkyard on Hall Road, Chairman John Farrell then directed his comments to Canuel, suggesting that "if he is not

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School Board Discusses Trust Funds and LHS Graduation

KELSEY DERHAK
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The school board held its first "in-person" meeting this past Tuesday, June 16. The meeting was held in the high school cafeteria to ensure the board was following proper social distancing guidelines.

The meeting started off hearing updates from different board members and their liaison duties.

Notable updates

from liaison reports included, dining services will continue their lunch program through June 30th, the cable that powered over half of the high school that had been down for about 22 days is now up and running, school building tours to complete the facility study to address space issues and updating of all facilities in the district will start this week, the architects will provide the Board with their

proposals in the coming weeks, interviews of said proposals will begin in July as well.

Next on the agenda was a public hearing to decide on withdrawal of **continued on page 2**

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School

Continued from page 1 funds from different accounts. Voters in town had previously approved these school district projects and this discussion was to inform the Board of where the funds would come from to pay for these completed and underway projects. The first item passed on a 5-0 vote was to withdraw \$154,278 from the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The second item passed by a 5-0 vote was to withdraw

\$234,604 from the District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve fund. The last item voted on was the withdrawal of \$718,079 from the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. However, this last item did not pass without heavy discussion. Among other items the withdrawal of the funds would cover, there were many items listed such as pavement repairs, field upgrades, and school zone signs, which did not fall under the term 'building'. This led to discussion

and eventual agreement on fine tuning the language for the purpose of the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The intent is to be more encompassing and clarify that money in this trust fund can be used for the school grounds as well. The issue being what funds can be used to support these school grounds projects.

Board Member, Steve Young, then made a motion to take \$590,000 out of the Trust Fund and \$127,000 out of the general fund. The Board

voted 3-2 against the motion and voted the full amount of funds will come out of School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The public hearing was then closed.

Following that, LHS Principal, Jason Parent, updated the board on 2020 Graduation Ceremony and their reasons for scheduling in late July. "Wanted to give our senior class every opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments traditionally with each other," says Parent.

After talking with Events United they have

decided to forgo their plans at the Manchester Airport. They have decided to come to the high school and offer the use of their equipment, which would be the video wall, staging, and sound equipment. They have agreed to honor the prior agreement as far as payment goes, so there would be no extra costs involved. Also putting together a proposal to hold the LHS graduation is Fisher Cat Stadium. Both possibilities are cleared for the date of July 29.

The update from Castleton, in Windham,

which is where this year's Senior Prom was scheduled, has offered an indoor/outdoor option to hold the event on July 31. The venue would be able to accommodate the seniors and follow social distancing guidelines as well.

The seniors are also looking to plan a senior social in light of a senior trip utilizing the athletic fields on LHS grounds. Using multiple fields, sanitizer stations, and limited entrances they hope to get started on the planning of all three events and have the school boards support.

Banners

Continued from page 1 signs from being used unless permission is granted from the town, although the signs have been up for a number of weeks now.

Franson started by stating that the company she works for purchased the property about two years ago and have invested quite a large amount of money in a shopping center

that was dying. She told the board that with their investment, they have breathed new life into the mall and have attracted a number of new businesses, adding that they recently signed on Planet Fitness, which brought up some visibility concerns. Franson added that the parking lot and much of the mall is not visible from Route 102, spurring the idea of hanging banner signs from the light poles in

the parking lot.

She showed the board a rendering of the banner that will be used, and also the location of the signs, saying that the signs would help bring attention to some of their more hidden stores.

In regard to the five points of law criteria, Franson said that the sign would not be contrary to public interest; it would actually help bring business into a previously dead shopping center. Secondly, the spirit of the ordinance is observed because the banners

would be permanently installed and are tastefully designed. Substantial justice has been done by the idea that the owners are attracting good quality tenants and will benefit the community. She added that surrounding property values would not be diminished because the banners will help dress up the neighborhood. She also commented that the property has a disadvantage from other similar properties because of its distance and height from Route 102, so adding the signs would help with that issue.

Board Chairman Neil Dunn asked if the town had any sort of rating on whether the existing light posts could hold the weight if the new banners. He was concerned that wind would be a factor on cause undue stress on the poles.

Code Enforcement told Dunn that they had never seen any rating being required by the town, but added that the existing signs that are currently up, are smaller that what is being proposed.

Franson told Dunn that the banner that is currently in place has a material that they aren't thrilled with, and the new banners could be made with a material that would allow wind to pass through it. It was also determined that the banners would be about 30x60" in size.

Dunn also raised the concern with whether

there was any way for the town to make sure that the banners would be maintained, and not look weathered through the years. Town Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Canuel, assured Dunn that they can be monitored by the town for that issue. Canuel also addressed the wind load issue that Dunn had brought up earlier, saying that the applicant should be asked to use a fabric that would allow wind to pass through it.

With no public comment on the variance, the board went into deliberation, and later voted unanimously to grant the variance with some contingents. The conditions included that the signs would not exceed be larger than 30x60" and that the material used would not impact the structural integrity of the light pole.

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Town Council Looks at Rezoning Property in North Londonderry

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The rezoning of a piece of land in North Londonderry was a highly discussed agenda item in the Town Council meeting held on Monday, June 15.

The piece of land being discussed is located at 603 Mammoth Road, more specifically Map 17 Lot 13 along with Lot 11. However, the public hearing was to decide on the rezoning of only Lot 13 and to gather the Council's thoughts on Lot 11 during the latter portion of the meeting also. The

land that was first discussed, is split zoned, and is Lot 13. This lot is currently labeled as Commercial-II and Agricultural Residential-I.

The Planning Board reviewed this request to rezone the parcel of land to a Commercial-II and has recommended that the Town Council accept the request to rezone the particular parcel of land.

The Town Council heard from Vincent Iacozzi on the matter, who is the owner of Thibeault Construction of New England and the owner of the property also. Iacozzi originally

wanted another proposal for the two parcels, but eventually the rezoning of parcels was brought down to just the one parcel of land, Lot 13. They would like to allow for the construction of a large commercial building. Iacozzi is also looking for a recommendation from the board for Lot 11 to see if it is viable for him to go back to the zoning board with amendments to his original request. The council made a motion to vote to amend the zoning ordinance, solely for Lot 13 to be zoned as Commercial-II. That motion passed.

Further along in the Town Council Meeting that evening, after the public hearing had closed, came the discussion of the zoning of the parcel for Lot 11.

Iacozzi was looking to change of zoning from AR-I to Commercial-II and had discussed the idea in previous meetings held by the Planning Board. That idea was voted on by the planning board, and they gave no recommendation for the Town Council to rezone Lot 11 from AR-I to a Commercial-II zone.

The land surrounding the lots being dis-

cussed is a mix of Residential, Commercial, and Industrial zones. Iacozzi then added that, "Mr. Benoit was in favor of the original proposal." Noted: Mr. Benoit owns property that abuts Lot 11. The question Iacozzi mainly wanted answered was if he needs to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) to get a special exception or variance to build a single commercial building that holds 32 apartments. It is also noted that this is a change from the original plan that was discussed between abutting property owners. Iacozzi told the board he wants to use five out of about twenty acres on Lot 11 for the apartment complex. He would like to use this apartment complex to help house his employees.

Chairman John Farrell then read a letter sent in from Ken Merrill, of Merrill Farm who is a property abutter to Lots 11 and 13. Merrill asks that, "It be tabled to further discussion between the people and to please reject commercial and industrial use for this property."

There were not many questions afterward from the council members for Iacozzi and Farrell then stated, "From the read of the board, it looks like you are best suited to go to the ZBA and it does not look like this is something the Council is in favor of."

Also during that meeting, the Town Council voted to pass the Portable Storage Unit Ordinance that has been kicked around for about a year now.

The ordinance was mainly designed to put a time limit on how long a storage unit can be allowed to remain on both residential and commercial properties.

Before the council voted on the new language to the zoning codes Councilor Joe Green tried to amend the language in the ordinance, asking that it only allow a portable unit to remain on a residential for up to six months. None of his fellow councilors seconded that motion and it failed.

During the next vote, the new language passed by a vote of 3-1. Green voted no and Farrell did not wish to vote.

Junkyards

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meeting the terms of his court order, let's notify them."

After Bielenski's comments, Councilor Joe Green then suggested the idea that Kevin Smith (Town Manager) and town attorney meet to try and figure out a way for better use of licenses. The Council would like to amend the license for screening at Murray's, as well as a permanent fence. For S&S Metals, it was suggested to see if he can move the vehicles from direct view on Route 28 to a different spot on the

site.

The Town Council decided that they would have to have a meeting before July 1st, which is when the licenses expire. It was also noted at the meeting that you cannot extend the license or give a temporary one in order to hold the vote on the new license at a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting. It was then brought up that the Council could approve of the license and set certain stipulations. However, it is not within the Council's powers to approve a license with stipulations. Since the Council lacks the power to insert stipulations to

the license if they agree to this action there is not way to enforce the additional stipulations.

The Town manager will be in talks with the attorney and building department to see what they can do to alter the license going forward to see what they can amend. They will then have the opportunity to bring their recommendation to the next meeting and the council can vote on the license then.

The applicant can be present at the meeting to be able to discuss the new license. The provision in the license would

be to have trailers somewhere else on the site and not on the road.

Council Member Green then used counselor privilege to hold a special Town Council meeting on Monday, June 29, to give time to remedy the junkyard licenses in the town to hopefully force the trailers and vehicles off of Route 28 to someplace else on the site.

Of note: Councilwomen Deb Paul recused herself from the discussion, saying that both businesses are customers of hers.

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Editorial

Celebrating July 4

If you think celebrating the Fourth of July is just a matter of firing up the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, or heading to the seacoast or the mountains for a three-day weekend, we invite you to reconsider. The Fourth of July is also known, of course, as Independence Day, and that's the reason for this extra day away from work and for the life you live today.

The Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, and set the colonies on the path toward their emergence as a nation. Political speeches, fireworks, and red, white and blue bunting are fine for the day, but the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a lot more than a reason for a party. We think the Declaration of Independence, signed by New Hampshire's own Matthew Thornton among others, is a document that should be read regularly. It reminds us of who we are as a country and assures that we continue in the tradition of those who fought to establish a free nation, whose leaders were expected to listen to those they serve.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and

the pursuit of Happiness" are perhaps the document's most famous lines, but the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain makes for good reminders of what our government should never become. That's particularly timely reading during a time when political attacks sink to unpleasant levels in the throws of an upcoming election: such as we are experiencing this year.

It's also a straightforward and simple document; "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Sadly, not qualities every nation freely grants its citizens. How we pursue that happiness is left to us to decide, not dictated by a ruler. Often we take that for granted, but to many people across the planet, it's only something to dream about.

So figure out what makes you happy as you enjoy your holiday weekend. A hearty meal, a good place to swim, and a sky full of sparkling fireworks all make for a pretty good celebration of freedom.

Hopefully you will pause for a moment to thank those who made it all possible in 1776 and also thank those who still fight to keep our freedoms. We are all so fortunate to live in a free Country.

Have a fun and safe celebration.

Letters

Private Citizen vs. Councilor

To the editor,

This subject has featured recently in our local news. I can certainly see that it would be inappropriate for one of our Councilors to comment publicly on material that is under current consideration by the Council in closed session. If the specific option suggested to the Budget Committee had been raised in such a closed session and was still an open issue then it would seem ill advised to open it up publicly before the Council had reached their conclusion. Aside from such closed session material, our Councilors are also residents and should have the same right to express personal opinions and make personal suggestions as any other resident.

I recall on Aug. 15, 2018, when Richard Flier went before the ZBA for a variance to put in a bank and drive through at 2 Litchfield Road, that there was a similar circumstance. Mr. Flier's case had been presented to the ZBA when one of our Councilors stood and spoke 'as a private citizen' in support of Mr. Flier's application.

Vice Chair Benard asked for public input and reminded everyone in the audience to discuss the five points of law for this specific variance request.

Jim Butler, 57 Mammoth Road, addressed the Board in favor of granting the variance. He stated that he is concerned about the existence of historic property in town, as the historic house next door was just knocked down. He stated that the Historical Society took possession of the Morrison House in 2006 and due to funding some parts are starting to deteriorate. He stated that the cost of renovating the Morrison House would be somewhere around \$800,000, to his point, that these types of buildings cost a lot of money to restore, and he thinks the credit union would only help at this property. He stated that in his opinion, he thought the values of the surrounding properties would increase with the restoration of this building.

When and how did the 'rules' about expressing a personal opinion get changed?

David Ellis
Londonderry

Traffic Re-Direction Issue

To the editor,

It's been a few weeks and exactly what I said was going to happen did, a majority of people are back to work and so is the traffic on Londonderry's back roads. A line of cars at the lights on Litchfield Road and the intersection is mayhem, Stonehenge, Hardy,

Bartley Hill, all roads mayhem.

At the last town council I participated in, there was serious talk of doing something and that a solution needs to happen, that was until the end when councilor Tom Dolan said that I don't think the goal should be to redirect traffic, so we don't just get complaints from other roads. What! (I couldn't interject as I was on mute). Where do you live and what maps are you looking at?

The goal is to redirect traffic, the goal is to have traffic not just cut across Stonehenge to Litchfield to get to the Route 3 connector and vice versa or funnel out from there or at a minimum put speed bumps down it to deter, then all the traffic coming from Route 28 literally only has the option of staying on 28 and going to Grenier Field. Which was stated is the desired route for traffic to go, placing more traffic on a state funded route, and alleviating traffic on town resident tax money funded roads. Re-directing the commuting traffic to exactly where it should be, where the business are, where the gas stations are, where the infrastructure is.

I'm not the only person that feels this way, and I really wish more residents would speak up and attend these meetings, or at the very

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Letters

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least write a letter to the town council or traffic safety committee on July 6, at 6 p.m. Town Hall and ask that your letter be apart of the minutes so there's a record of it.

They are building more by the back of the airport, and if you live on any of the roads in this area, it's only a matter of time before it starts to effects you.

There is an open position on the traffic safety committee that I applied for, to put my money where my mouth is. If you have complaints I want to be able to actually help out town residents, and have residents feel that there is actually someone listening, and try to do something for them on the inside as best I can.

I feel leadership in town currently lacking, starting with Sharon Carson in the senate that has done nothing but just say meaningless words. She gave me her card in person, told me to contact her with any problems during all of this. Only all my calls and emails went un-answered.

Perfect example of all politicians everywhere, no matter the party. Disappointing to say the least.

Ryan Prudhomme
Londonderry

Should We Keep Standardized Tests?

To the editor,
My name is Amy Finamore, I am a member of Londonderry's

School Board, but I speak only for myself in this letter.

I recently finished the book *The Most Likely to Succeed*. The authors discuss the importance of fostering innovation and creativity and contrast it against the curricular implications of standardized testing. Standardized tests, such as the SAT, require questions that have a right or wrong answer. The authors argue these standardized tests do not measure a student's likelihood to succeed in college, nor do they have transferable applications to the workforce. Life has many right and wrong answers, a concept that is antithetical to standardized testing.

To reference COVID-19 for a moment, there are many companies pursuing treatments and vaccines. Some of these companies will discover ineffective treatments or vaccines. These treatments are high-stakes; discovering an effective treatment will help save lives. Yet, discovering a treatment that does not work, or a vaccine that does not work, are hardly considered failures—the medical field learns as much from failures as it does from successes. If we think about medical research as an analogy for standardized testing with its defined right and wrong answers, would the fear of getting the “wrong” answer prevent researchers from even trying?

Many colleges are removing their SAT requirements for admission, instead evaluating

the whole student. Colleges and employers value real-life problem solving skills. Students need to think creatively and understand there are many right answers. The ability to communicate effectively and collaborate with others are vital skills for workplace success. There are many who believe standardized testing predicts a student's college readiness. It does not. There is empirical evidence of this. Standardized testing is more accurate at predicting parental income level than it is predicting the likelihood of success in college. Colleges are right to remove this barrier to access; there are many who do poorly on these tests because they cannot afford test prep or tutors.

Though there are no plans at the moment to change Londonderry's curriculum, this change in higher education provides the opportunity to reassess the priorities of K-12 education. The PSAT and SAT are integrated parts of Londonderry's curriculum from grades 8-12. As a community, is that something we should continue doing? Are there more appropriate, holistic ways of evaluating student progress and performance? Does standardized testing provide our students with the tools they will need for success in their lifetime?

There are several ways to become involved! You can come to a pizza lunch tentatively scheduled for mid-August at the school district office (more info to come); you can attend board meetings, or email the board to share your thoughts: schoolboard@londonderry.org.

Amy Finamore
Londonderry

Ryan Running for State Representative

To the editor,
Londonderry has changed since I was a kid. The yellow light that was in front of Shaw's is now a full traffic light and there are a lot more of them around town. We, as a town, have struggled through recessions, wars, and we've celebrated a better economy, new businesses, and new neighbors. We may be facing our most trying times yet. Challenges will be facing our town as we continue to deal with COVID-19. Our graduates will be facing an uncertain job market, and we don't know what the future holds.

It's because we face these challenges, that my family has decided to support me in running for State Representative for our town. As a FEMA-trained Registered Nurse, I can lend expertise in establishing laws regarding COVID-19 and

any future pandemics. We want to open our state safely and restore the economy to provide bright futures for our residents and students. This means we need to keep business taxes low, not implement a state income tax, and respect our tax payers by keeping their taxes low. We want to make sure opportunities are open to graduating students for years to come.

During the past decade, I have fought for improving education, especially for Special Needs kids. I am on the Special Education Advisory Committee to Frank Edelblut and I have given testimony about improving education before both the legislature and the State Board of Education. If remote learning has shown us anything, education can't be a one size fits all experience. I'd like to expand options for kids who are experiencing bullying and deserve to learn without being tortured. Families want students to have opportunities to get great jobs and have better careers. It's with this vision in mind that I worked on and will continue to work with Glenn Cordelli to introduce legislation in the NH House to improve education

for all kids.


As a veteran of Post 9/11, I have struggled with my return home just as many other veterans have. Working as a volunteer, I have helped veterans file for VA benefits or appeal their cases at no cost. I also asked the town to increase the Disabled Veteran's Property Tax credit, which the Town did in 2019. I also support expanding the War Orphans's Scholarship to children of permanently disabled veterans. Female veterans are the largest growing populations of homeless and struggling veterans and we need to continue expanding services for them so they have more than 2 rooms on the top floor of the VA.

For those of you who know how much I work to help improve things, I ask you to vote for me so I can make things better for you. For those of you who don't yet know me, I would love for you to get to know me. My email is MoiraRyanforNHstaterep@protonmail.com and My phone number is 603-404-8891. You can also check out my Instagram page

Thank You!
Moira Ryan
Londonderry

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GRADUATE CLASS OF 2020



Siobhan White
Londonderry High School
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Losing That Final Spring Season

To the editor,
 Losing that spring sports season to COVID-19 restrictions is especially tough for high school seniors. That last interscholastic shot at a personal best, the final camaraderie of teammates, the final rivalries. All are gone and irretrievable.

It is hard for these athletes. Harder than many other efforts associated with finishing high school. Most folks do not remember much about their graduation ceremonies – who the speakers even were, much less what they said. And the Senior Prom? Many students do not even attend for a variety of reasons. No date, no money, no interest. I did go (and with the Head Cheerleader) and in retrospect think I would rather have gone fishing. And academics those final months...ah, well. I'd been a fairly good student and was

college bound, but was really just biding time, acute senioritis having set in. And I certainly wasn't the only guy so affected – or afflicted.

But I do remember our track team. We were coming off the Indoor State Championship, proud and pleased. And we did win a lot that spring, too. Many guys did achieve their best times, distances, and heights. In fact, our coach, a former Marine hardly given to easy compliments, allowed that we had performed considerably better than we actually were. Praise of character means more than praise for natural ability.

I would not have traded that final interscholastic experience, the good and the bad, for anything. It was not the athletic end for me, small-timer though I was. But I was an exception. For most student-athletes the high school senior spring is the last shot.

Fewer than half of the high school grads will attend college, and half of those will not earn a degree. And under five percent of high

school tracksters will compete at the collegiate level. The tally is about the same for other sports. Thus most of the high school senior athletes of the 2020 spring will never have resolved:

- Would I have come through in the clutch?
- Was I as good as I thought I was? Or as bad?
- How will all my effort end?
- Did I prove myself to myself?
- Might I have really come into my own?
- How did I handle the pressure?
- Could I have achieved my personal goals?
- Might we have made up for last year – or evened the score with a traditional rival?
- Am I stronger now?

While this irresolution is less than a thoroughgoing tragedy, these thoughts are no small beer to an adolescent male, nor should they be to any of us. And the answers are important for a lifetime.

There are no shortage of inspirational sports legends, books, and movies - some real, some partly real, and some pure schlock. And Waterloo was certainly not actually won on the

playing fields of Eton. But the lessons of competition, some of them exhilarating and others quite unpleasant, but always self-revelatory, last a lifetime. COVID-19 has caused some serious lost learning for this year's graduating class. Let's hope the disappointment spurs them on to other challenges.

Ray Brown
 Londonderry

Answer of Letter on Virginia Ash

To the editor,
 I want to thank Virginia Ashe for bringing up the question last week in the Londonderry Times on why I did not mention my support for President Trump in my Re-Election letter to the Editor. I am sorry it did not cross my mind to mention it, because I had believed it was public knowledge. But it is a great question because this gives me an opportunity to inform any new residents to Londonderry of my history with the Trump Campaign.

Following a 2016 televised Press Conference at Trump Tower regarding President Trump's Veterans Donation I ad-

dressed the media and my comments went Viral. Due to my outspokenness regarding my support for our President and the many speeches I have given the media covered me extensively including interviews on CSPAN, CNN, Fox and Friends, Fox Business and WMUR.

I was appointed to the position as the Trump National Veterans Chair with the Trump campaign in 2016. I spoke at Trump Rallies all over the country speaking on Veterans issues and to assist veterans. The Media also covered my appointment as the Trump 2020 National Veteran's Coalition Advisor and the NH Trump 2020 Co-Chair.

I have been very outspoken regarding my proud support of our President. I am an unwavering supporter of President Trump and his many accomplishments, which you can see here at www.whitehouse.gov/trump-administration-accomplishments/

I have been to the White House many times for meetings on Homeless Veterans, fighting drug abuse, the signing of the Veterans Accountability Act. I attended the White House receptions with the Red Sox team, Prime Minister of Australia and the President of Italy, all of which have been covered by the Media. I have always been a loyal supporter of our President and it has not been a secret, nor have I even considered hiding my support for President Trump. I am sure you must be aware due to

COVID-19 hitting the U.S, that the President's campaign has primarily been virtual so it is logical you will not have seen us publicly campaigning this year yet.

I am also a NH GOP Delegate to the National Convention in 2016 and 2020 where I will once again cast my vote for President Trump. My wife is also a NH Delegate as well as a NH Elector to the Electoral College where she will cast her vote for President Trump.

If you want a President Trump yard sign/ Trump bumper sticker, give me a call, I have them at my house for distribution to those who want one. I hope by answering your letter to the editor, it will take care of your curiosity and I have made my loyal support to President Trump noticeably clear. Please see website Veterans.donaldjtrump.com for where you will find my photo and Bio as the Veterans Coalition Advisor to the Trump Campaign. God Bless our Country and God Bless our President.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Al Baldasaro
 State Representative
 Londonderry

I'm Tired

To the editor,
 As part of the elite known as Senior Citizen, I sit here in my comfortable home, which is more like a detention center these past months, due to a virus floating about threatening my very existence.

Being deprived of a
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Zoning Board Rules in Favor of Tokanel Apartment Addition

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry Zoning Board meeting that was held on Wednesday, June 17, the board approved the variance for the construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit to encroach into a front setback on Tokanel Drive.

The meeting was once again conducted through videoconference, and despite the fact that one member of the board was cut off for a few minutes, members wound up voting 4-1 in favor of the plan.

Residents Russell and Denise Hartley were looking to build an addition of a garage and an apartment at their home on Tokanel, but the addition would be over the required 40-foot setback by 22-feet.

The couple presented the plan to the board with Russell doing most of the speaking, and he went right into covering the five points of law required by the board.

Hartley stated that the variance would not be contrary to the public interest because it will not alter the character of the neighborhood. He added he plan does not threaten the welfare of the public, and that if denied it would cause more damage to the applicant than the general public. The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished.

The couple also felt that many of the neighboring properties in the area are close to the roadway along Gilcrest Road they also felt that any other structure on their road would not

have a problem with the same addition, it is only a problem because they are a corner lot.

Questions from the board started with why the couple needed to build on the road side of the home, and why not build it on the other side?

Hartley responded that the septic system was on the other side, and also that the driveway is on the side where they would be constructing the addition.

Chairman Neil Dunn asked if the new structure would be attached to the existing home, and Hartley confirmed the addition would be attached, he also stated that the actual setback from Gilcrest Road will be 51-foot once they construct the 35-foot addition.

There was also a question of whether the

square footage is allowed for such a dwelling, and they said they were told by the Building Department, that the 844 square feet was allowed.

There was also a concern by the board as to whether the new driveway would impact the sight lines on the road, and the owners stated that they would be using the existing curb cut.

At one point during the deliberations, board member Brendan O'Brien lost his connec-

tion to the meeting, and the meeting took a short break to reestablish that connection.

Eventually, the board voted 4-1 to grant the variance, with the restriction that the addition does not exceed 24x35-feet or will it be greater than 844 square feet in size.

Also at the meeting, Seth McMinnis, of 2 Tanager Way was granted a variance to build a six-foot fence with the setback along Wiley Hill

Road by a vote of 4-1.

The special exemption to allow a home occupation of a nail salon at the home of Tiffany Smith, on Mammoth Road was granted 4-1 also.

In the last case of the evening, the board voted 5-0 to grant a variance to allow the reduction of the perimeter landscaping buffer from 15-feet to 1'5" with the condition that the northwest corner of the building is the buffer decrease.

Letters

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pretty active life, that was once considered normal, I ask myself why is it I feel tired most of the time.

I guess I'm tired from listening to all the bickering from both political parties.

I'm tired of watching demonstrations, vandalism, demands, some justified.

I'm tired of watching news that goes way beyond journalism reporting and merely opinions by that network.

I'm tired of the constant error of dire predictions by so called scientific experts.

I'm tired of being told not to go to church, grocery stores, restaurants, etc., because of my age.

I'm tired of being told to have remorse over

past history that I nor my ancestry took part.

Lastly, I'm tired because it saddens me to see what is happening to my country that so many veterans fought and died for to preserve, including yours truly, and lack of appreciation of being so fortunate to be born in America. God help our current generation.

Jerry Page
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Airport Event Area Idea Ends With Latest Governor Action

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Tuesday night, June 16, members of the Londonderry Planning Board gathered by way of a Zoom Videoconference to hear from Events United on their plan to open a temporary outdoor event venue at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

The meeting was deemed a non-binding review and discussion on the airports plan to allow Events United to conduct business in one the parking areas within Londonderry. This agenda item was the only thing being discussed at the recently established Planning Board meeting,

and was being done as more of a formality, rather than a vote since it is within the airport's rights to allow this venue.

Five voting members attended the meeting that lasted only about eight minutes due to the fact that the business had decided not to move forward with the idea after Governor Chris Sununu made an announcement to open entertainment venues, with restrictions, last week.

Board Chairman Art Rugg opened the discussion by reading a letter from the applicant, Events United, stating: "With the Governor's action to reopen venues on June 29, we are going

to cancel our plans to build a venue at the airport. We may pursue this in the future, and in a different fashion, but for now we are looking to cancel our plans. Regarding the meeting tomorrow, is it too late to cancel it?"

Rugg answered by saying that meetings can be cancelled up to the moment before, and cancelled the meeting.

Rugg added, "All I can say is thank god it's Zoom and we didn't have to travel to Town Hall."

With no public comment, Rugg apologized for the inconvenience and the meeting quickly adjourned.

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Local Scouts Honored with Social Distanced Ceremony



Members of Londonderry Troop 521 gathered in front of the Londonderry Grange #44 on Tuesday, June 9, for a ceremony to acknowledge the accomplishments of many of their members. Like many other organization the Boy Scouts needed to adapt and overcome the constraints brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. While large gatherings such as troop meetings, camping trips and summer camp have been temporarily suspended, national, state, and local scouting organizations have worked together to quickly develop and share on-line and remote resources to insure that scouts can achieve their advancement, learning, and leadership goals.

Troop 521 youth and adult members improvised to keep the scouting program vibrant by implementing weekly "zoom type"

meetings, senior scouts, adult leaders, and parent volunteers continue to present on-line merit badge classes and make scouts aware of advancement programs and opportunities developed by others in the scouting community. Most of Troop 521 scouts participated in the recent "National Camp-in at Home" event in late April, complete with overnight rain to make it authentic!

The troop leadership decided to acknowledge all this effort by conducting a "Drive-by" Award Ceremony to replace the formal "Court of Honor", traditionally held this time of year. Over 30 awards, including one for Eagle Scout Anthony Iovino, were presented to Troop 521 scouts during the pandemic. Scouts and their families sat in their cars as Scout Master Jason Harris invited each scout up to receive their awards.



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NHDES Encourages Well Users to Conserve and Follow Restrictions

According to the weekly United States. Drought Monitor report released on Thursday, June 18, the entire state of New Hampshire has been categorized as abnormally dry.

Over the last 60 days, the state has received significantly less than normal precipitation. The majority of the northern half of the state including Belknap, Grafton, Carrol, and Coos counties have received 25 to 50% less precipitation than normal. To the

south, the majority of Sullivan, Merrimack, Strafford, Rockingham, Hillsborough, and Cheshire counties have received 50 to 75% less precipitation than normal.

The U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook for June indicates drought development is likely in these southern counties, as well as in southern Belknap County.

Director of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Water Division, Thomas O'Donovan notes "New Hamp-

shire is approaching a stage of drought because rainfall over the last two months is about 60% of normal, and New Hampshire had a significantly less-than-average snow-pack this past winter. Consequently, stream flows throughout the state are very low and if these weather trends continue, groundwater levels and water supply wells throughout the state will soon begin to be adversely impacted. Two rivers, the Lamprey and Souhegan have had

to implement low water actions from their watershed management plans, and other rivers may be impacted soon. Additionally, the NHDES Dam Bureau is closely monitoring and managing reservoirs across the State, as the weather is forecast to remain dry."

NHDES encourages those relying on private residential wells to begin conserving now. Due to COVID-19, people are at home more often, which means a higher than usual demand on residential

well supplies. To protect your well supply, it is recommended that outdoor water use be limited and water use be staggered, allowing the well time to recharge between demands. As drought conditions develop, more municipalities and water utilities will impose outdoor water use restrictions. NHDES urges the public to be conservation-minded and abide by restrictions.

Also, finances for well improvements or to drill a new well may be

very limited; therefore, during a drought, it is important to curb water use early.

To view the latest drought conditions and to find information related to saving water and managing residential wells during drought, go to www.des.nh.gov and use the "A-Z list" and scroll down to Drought Management.

For more information, contact Jim Martin, NHDES Public Information Officer, at james.martin@des.nh.gov or (603) 569-9777.

NHDES Freshwater Beach Monitoring for Summer 2020

As the beaches at the state's freshwater lakes and ponds are opening back up, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) reminds the public to practice safe swimming and to be vigilant for potential health concerns, such as cyanobacteria. This summer, NHDES will focus on monitoring, assessing and responding to cyanobacteria blooms. The Beach Inspection Program will not be sampling freshwater beaches regularly for fecal bacteria, as it has in the past, due to lab capacity and logistical challenges posed by the

pandemic.

The Beach Program will, however, maintain an active monitoring program that will be able to respond in cases when public health risks arise and can ramp up at areas with a history of bacterial problems. Beach owners and municipalities can still collect water samples themselves and submit the samples to a number of available labs for analysis. In addition, illness report forms are available for reporting bathing-related illnesses. The public is encouraged to submit this form to the Beach Program if someone becomes ill after swim-

ming in one of the state's waterbodies. That will help protect all of us.

The public is also strongly encouraged to keep an eye out for cyanobacteria in state waterbodies. As the water temperatures warm, some lakes and ponds may display bright green surface scums or dingy green water throughout the water. These are signs that a cyanobacteria bloom is present.

Cyanobacteria can produce toxins that are harmful to humans, pets and livestock. Toxins can cause acute health effects including irritation of skin and mucous

membranes, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. In some cases, short term exposure can also result in nervous system interference including tingling, burning, or numbness sensations. Prolonged exposure can also lead to liver or kidney problems.

Cyanobacteria blooms are extremely unpredictable occurring spo-

radically anywhere or anytime. Therefore, as a precaution, the Beach Program recommends against swimming in areas of lake or ponds with a suspected cyanobacteria bloom and restricting pet or livestock access.

If you see what you believe is a cyanobacteria bloom, please report it via text or phone call

to (603) 848-8094 or email to HABS@des.nh.gov. We also ask that you include a photo of the bloom. A response to a reported potential bloom will typically occur within 24 hours. Bloom alerts or lake advisories will be issued following confirmation of the condition and will be posted on the NHDES website



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Practicing Car Seat Safety During These Difficult Times

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While we all are going through these times in different ways, we wanted to share some additional safety tips you might not have thought of, those being for your child's car seat(s) and your vehicles' interior.

Car Seats: While most of the instructions you have been reading and hearing about involves using disinfectants and sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol to clean surfaces, that may not be the case for cleaning and sanitizing your car seat. According to the Juvenile Products Manufacturing Association (JPMA), only a select few car seat manufac-

urers are allowing other products than the standard "warm light soap/water solution" to clean car seats. It is always recommended to check with your car seat manufacturer to see which products are allowed in cleaning and disinfecting their products. All companies have these cleaning tips on their websites and those who are allowing different methods, list those as well. You can view a "general" cleaning statement by the JPMA at www.jpma.org/news/501913/covid-19-Tips-Cleaning-Car-Seats.htm. If you feel the need to take your seat apart to clean, make certain to take pictures, or a video. That way you will know how it all goes back

together when clean and dry. Additional important safety tips about your car seat are: make sure the seat is installed tightly in the vehicle. Over time, the installation can loosen up. You know your installation is in tight enough when you cannot move the seat, at the seat belt/ LATCH strap path, more than an inch forward/ backward and side-to-side. Another item to check is to make sure the harness straps are adjusted properly for your child. You child may have grown enough that he or she is not in the harness correctly. Do you know how to test for this? If not, contact our program. Also, make sure your child fits in, or has not outgrown,

the car seat. We recently had a client whose three children had not ridden in their car seats for almost six weeks. In that time, they had grown so much that they outgrew their seats.

Vehicle interiors: Most vehicle manufacturers allow disinfectant solutions to clean their interiors, etc. As above, you should always check with your vehicle manufacturer to learn more about cleaning

their vehicles. For most, use a warm light soap/water solution to clean all surfaces of debris. Once clean and dry, you can use disinfecting wipes or cleaner. Make sure you clean the door handles, window buttons, all knobs, etc. that are touched on a regular basis.

Our program remains available to assist you with any car seat related questions you may have. To contact our program, you may

leave us a voicemail on our information line: 603-432-1104 ext. 4623 or via e-mail at cps@londonderrynh.org. We encourage you to visit the NH Child Passenger Safety Program's website for more information at www.beseats-martnh.org/. To find car seat inspection station in other areas, or for information on other child safety articles, please visit the Safe Kids USA website: www.safekids.org/.

Federal Grants Offset Expenses Related to COVID-19 and Remote Instruction

The New Hampshire Department of Education has allocated \$33.9 million in federal funding provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to New Hampshire schools. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund) created under that law provides funds for expenses incurred relative to COVID-19 and remote learning backdated to March 13, 2020, the date of the declaration of emergency. The New Hampshire Department of Education applied for and received \$37,641,371 in ESSER grants to help K-12 educational entities prevent, prepare for, and

respond to impacts of COVID-19. Under the law, 90% of the ESSER funds, \$33,811,234, must be allocated to school districts and public charter schools proportional to the 2019-2020 school year Title 1 Part A allocation.

"New Hampshire schools have earned nationwide praise for their transition to remote instruction this spring," said Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. "But that shift came with significant disruption. The ESSER Fund will help New Hampshire schools meet the needs of each student as we plan for a safe and effective learning environment in the fall."

The Department of

Education has allocated each district's ESSER grant into the state's grant management system (GMS). Each school district and public charter school must detail activities undertaken in response to COVID-19 and remote instruction in order to use these funds. Due to the ongoing debate in Washington over the proper allocation of equitable services funding, the Department is asking districts to calculate equitable service funding under both Title 1 Part A and Title VIII, and to set aside the higher amount until further guidance is available.

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June is Scoliosis Awareness Month in New Hampshire

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On June 21, 2016, Maggie Hassan, New Hampshire Governor at the time, made a proclamation on behalf of the state that June would be Scoliosis Awareness Month.

"We must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and healthcare workers understand, recognize, and treat the

complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis." the proclamation read.

The origin of the Scoliosis Awareness Month program began in 2008 when the National Scoliosis Foundation (NSF) secured the first official United States House of Representatives Proclamation in Pennsylvania. This first proclamation helped to highlight the facts about scoliosis and invited government offi-

cial to join the foundation in raising awareness about important issues pertaining to scoliosis, such as patient care, patient screening, patient privacy, and patient protection.

According to the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS), scoliosis is a condition of spinal curves in which the spine looks more like an "S" or a "C" than a straight line in an x-ray.

This curving of the

spine can cause a person's shoulders, hips, or waist appear uneven, and the spine's vertebrae may also be rotated, causing one shoulder blade or trunk muscles to be more prominent than the other.

More than 80 percent of scoliosis cases are idiopathic, meaning that they occur without any known specific cause. However, according to the SRS, scoliosis known not to be caused by carrying heavy items, sports injuries, poor posture, or minor leg length abnormalities.

Most cases of scoliosis are diagnosed in children aged 10 through 15, but the condition can affect younger children and infants and adults as well, says the NSF.

The NSF also states that while the condition affects all races and both sexes, girls are eight times more likely than boys to develop a curve that could progress to the point where treatment may be necessary.

Scoliosis is diagnosed by a medical professional by performing a physical examination of the back. During a screening, patients will stand in a relaxed position with arms at the sides while the person

examining will look for curvature of the spine, shoulder blade asymmetry, waistline asymmetry, or any shift in the trunk of the body.

If after this procedure a doctor suspects the patient may have scoliosis, he or she will usually order x-rays of the entire spine. If a case of scoliosis is confirmed, a physician will measure the spine's curves and provide the patient with a number, in degrees, to help describe the scoliosis.

Many scoliosis screenings are conducted in New Hampshire schools between grades 5 and 9, says the NSF. However, with schools having been closed this year, many cases may have been missed.

Minor cases of scoliosis are often treated through routine monitoring of spinal curvature, and in some cases, physical therapy. In some cases, patients may be required to wear a brace to try to stop the progression of spinal curvature.

In extreme cases of scoliosis, where there are major curves present, patients may need to undergo surgery to help alleviate any subsequent discomfort or health problems.

If left untreated, extreme cases of scoliosis could lead to additional problems, says Harvard Health Publishing. These problems include, but are not limited to back pain, tingling and numbness in the legs, permanent deformities, fatigue, and breathing problems.

In more extreme cases, Harvard Health Publishing states that scoliosis can be associated with a heart valve abnormality known as mitral valve prolapse, an improper closure of the valve between the heart's upper and lower left chambers. It is unclear whether the abnormal shape of the upper body leads to the problem, or if the valve and spine both develop abnormally because of a single growth problem, says Harvard Health Publishing.

Scoliosis can be an uncomfortable condition, but with early detection and treatment, patients can lead more comfortable and healthy lives.

For more information and resources on scoliosis, screening, and treatment, visit the National Scoliosis Foundation website at www.scoliosis.org.

Aviation Museum Hosts Annual Classic Car Show Saturday, July 11

The Aviation Museum's annual Classic Car Show takes place on Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, July 12.)

Vehicles of all makes and eras are welcome, including odd or unusual vehicles. It's a great chance for proud owners to show off their completed projects or works in progress, and for the public to check out some amazing rides from all over the region.

The show is held on the grounds of the Aviation Museum, with close-up views of the action on nearby Runway 17-35 at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

Trophies will be given out for the People's Choice Award and the Museum Award. All registered entrants will be included in a raffle for valuable prizes. A separate 50/50 raffle will be



Last year's Classic Car Show at the Aviation Museum of N.H.

held as well as a yard sale, with all proceeds to benefit the non-profit Aviation Museum.

Admission/registration is \$10 per vehicle entry plus occupants. To facilitate orderly set-up, owners are asked to arrive between 8 and 9:30 a.m. at the grounds of the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, N.H. Admis-

sion for the general public is \$5 per adult; children 12 and under free. Admission is cash only.

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UnCommon Concerts

Londonderry "UnCommon" Concerts on the Common Features Brian Dunne Wednesday, July 1 from 7 - 8 p.m. Streaming Live on Facebook and YouTube: www.facebook.com/ConcertsOnTheCommon/ and www.youtube.com/user/LondonderryCulture/videos For a complete schedule and more details visit: www.concertsonthecommon.org

Annual Rotary Blood Drive

The Londonderry Rotary Club in conjunction with the American Red Cross will again hold its annual blood drive on Wednesday, July 1, at the Cafeteria in the Londonderry High School at 295 Mammoth Rd. The drive will begin at 2 p.m. and run through 7 p.m. To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit "redcrossblood.org" and enter sponsor code LONDONDERRY ROTARY. Walk-in donors are most certainly welcome during the drive! Also, come to give blood on July 1 - 8 for an exclusive WONDER WOMAN 1984 T-shirt while supplies last.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Aug. 7 & 26, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency. Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers.) Proof of age. Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Dog Licensing

Please see this important message regarding DOG Licensing. Dog Licensing LATE FEES will not go into effect until July 1. We know that this can be a difficult time to get appointments with Veterinarians. Remember that Dog Registration Renewals can be made through our online services, drop box located at the front and

back of our building, or mailed directly to us. If you have any questions, please email sfarrell@londonderry.nh.gov.

1-2-3 Magic Workshop

Is your young child having tantrums? Join the Upper Room's 1-2-3 Magic Workshop on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Live on Zoom! \$35 fee (includes book).

Crossroads: Co-Parenting Workshop

Are you co-parenting after divorce or separation? Join the Upper Room's Crossroads: Co-Parenting Workshop on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Live on Zoom. \$80 fee (includes book).

Lean to Draw

The Upper Rooms On My Own Teen Series will host Learn to Draw Remotely from June 10 - July. It is 8 Four Video Lessons followed by LIVE Discussions on Zoom. This workshop is free.

Time to quit?

Vaping and Your Health Workshop Available remotely by the Upper Room during June. This workshop is for Teen & Young Adults up to age 24.

Meals on Wheels

The Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens is offering a drive thru pick-up at the Londonderry Senior Center Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The address of the senior center is 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Pick up time is between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Meals are served with milk, dessert and bread. Selections need to be made one week in advance. The June menu is now available and can be mailed to you. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal helps to offset costs for those that cannot afford meals. If you are interested, please call the Senior Affairs Director, Cathy Blash at 432-8554 and leave a message. Your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Cancellation Of Summer Recreation Program

After careful consideration, the Town has decided to cancel the 2020 Summer Recreation Program, also referred to as the Summer Playground Program, which is usually held at one of the elementary schools. The Recreation Department has determined it is not feasible to hold the Summer Recreation Program in light of the school building closures as well as the draft guidelines for Summer Day Camps promulgated by the Governor's Re-Opening Task Force. While we are disappointed, it remains our main goal to keep everyone safe and healthy this summer, and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

Calling Town Hall

In order to serve you better and for our clerks to more efficiently process your online and drop-off transactions, we have temporarily rerouted all clerk phone lines to one individual in Town Hall. Should you need to reach us by phone (432-1100) and are unable to do so, we are likely on the other line, so please leave a message and we will get back to you within 24 hours. Alternatively or In the meantime, you may always visit our website (www.londonderry.nh.gov) where there are

a variety of "how to" documents for each Department which provide step-by-step instructions on conducting resident transactions.

Library Drive-Thru Service

The Leach Library is pleased to announce the opening of drive-thru service starting on Monday, June 1, 2020. The hours of the service will be Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Just call the library at 432-1132 during the above listed hours and tell the staff member that you would like to pick up an item. The staff will ask you information pertaining to the item(s) and format (book, DVDs, Books-on-CD, etc.) you wish to "check out". In addition, staff will be asking you for a time that is convenient to pick up the item. When you arrive at the library during your scheduled time, an employee will come to your car wearing personal protective equipment and they will look at your library card or driver's license through the driver's side window. Thereafter, you can "pop" open your trunk, and the employee will put your items (which will be bagged) into the trunk of your car. However, staff will not be collecting any returned items from patrons or their vehicles. If you are returning items, please park your vehicle in the parking lot and then put the items in the book drop. By doing so, social distancing can be maintained and the pick-up line will not be impacted.

Raising another's child?

Upper Rooms Grandparent & caregiver support group is on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free, live on Zoom facilitated by The Upper Room. Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support. To access, visit: www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559, Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email

Seren at selizab@urteachers.org.

Caregiver Resource Line

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

Raising children ages 0-12?

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 workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Food Pantry Open

The Upper Room's Food Pantry is open for contact-free pick up at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Hours are Mondays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays* 3 - 4 p.m., and by appointment (front entrance) *Please note that the food pantry will be closed Thursday, July 2.

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.

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.

Couch to 5K

The Greater Derry Track Club is adjusting as well. We are trying to be optimistic about summer activities. We

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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: fday@gdtc.org

CART Transitions to Essential Trips only

In an effort to keep drivers and the ridership of CART safe and healthy

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Monday - June 15

10:52 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Litchfield Road.

11:09 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Bancroft Road.

3:15 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Hall Road.

5:40 p.m. Bank Alarm investigated on Action Boulevard.

6:59 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

7:09 p.m. Complaint investigated by three officers at Renegades Pub on Nashua Road.

Tuesday - June 16

2:48 a.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Karen Lane at Mohawk Drive

3:20 a.m. Disturbance reported on Woods Avenue. Five officers could not locate.

7:27 a.m. Criminal Mis-

chief investigated on Royal Lane.

10:53 a.m. Sixteen officers assisted other Police Department with an investigation on Raymond Wiczorek Drive.

10:58 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Lori Lane.

4:49 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated by five officers on Kendall Pond Road at Kendall Pond Apartments

5:34 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Charleston Avenue.

8:41 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Clark Road.

8:57 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to hospital by four officers on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments. Lucien Boulanger, 51, of Londonderry charged with Involuntary Em-

ergency Admission.

9:06 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat Investigated on Boulder Drive by three officers.

9:46 p.m. Medical Emergency assisted with transportation to a hospital by five officers from Pine Street.

10:08 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated by three officers on Sutton Place.

10:58 p.m. Suspicious Activity Investigated by three officers at Londonderry South School on South Road.

Wednesday - June 17

8:57 a.m. Keeping the peace on Copperfield Lane.

10:53 a.m. Juvenile Offenses Peace Restored on Beacon Street.

8:34 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat Investigated by three officers on

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Severance Drive.

Thursday - June 18

3:15 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Nashua Road.

11:08 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Jake Road.

3:24 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated on Kelley Road.

3:47 p.m. Report of missing person investigated on Pillsbury Road.

4:44 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Royal Lane at Chandler Drive.

6:10 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transporta-

tion to hospital on Sargent Road.

6:47 p.m. Peace restored after a Domestic Disturbance on Midridge Circle.

7:12 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Crackling Log Lane.

3:15 p.m. Services rendered at a Disturbance on Airport Road in Manchester.

9:37 p.m. Five officers respond to a disturbance on Rockingham Road, resulting in transportation to hospital.

Friday - June 19

8:45 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Investigated on Windsor Boulevard.

3:29 p.m. Services rendered during a Structure

Fire on Pendleton Lane.

4:10 p.m. Services rendered for a Brush Fire on Rockingham Road.

4:53 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Phantom Fireworks on Londonderry Road.

10:26 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Rockingham Road.

Saturday - June 20

1:13 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated by four officers on Royal Lane.

2:03 a.m. Suspicious activity Investigated on Hyde Park Circle at White Plains Avenue.

9:27 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services at NuCast on Grenier Field

Road.

1:05 p.m. Services Rendered for a Disturbance at Market Basket on Michels Way.

3:19 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Holton Circle.

4:12 p.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Canterbury Lane.

5:09 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Raintree Drive.

7:54 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Hillside Avenue.

9:58 p.m. Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to hospital from High Range Road.

Sunday - June 21

1:27 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made on Stonehenge Road at Prairie Lane. Three officers arrest Sebastian Arbon, 20, of Manchester for a Bench Warrant.

3:04 a.m. Report of a Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest made by five officers on Winding Pond Road. Michael Greco, 18, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Mischief; Domestic Violence (Simple Assault; Physical Contact); Obstructing the Report of a Crime/Injury; Possession of Marijuana-infused product; (18- or 19-years-old); Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

6:33 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Liberty Drive at Rail Trail.

8:59 a.m. Assault investigated by four officers at Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.

10:28 a.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency on Manchester Boston Airport Road at Gate 14.

1:28 p.m. Services rendered for Unlawful activities at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

2:38 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Market Basket on Michels Way.

7:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest on Nashua Road at Route 93. Three officers assist with arresting Anthony Miele, 40, of Derry for a Bench Warrant.

7:54 p.m. Three officers perform a Motor Vehicle Check on Pettengill Road at Industrial Drive.

8:50 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Young Road. Four officers assist with charging Alexis Oblenis, 20, of Raymond with Improper Person Operating a Vehicle.

9:34 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated by four officers at Hanaford Food and Drug on Hampton Drive.

11:17 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers during Neighborhood Disputes on Capitol Hill Drive.

Some Helpful Hints to Safely Enjoy Fireworks This Independence Day

NH State Fire Marshal Paul J. Parisi would like to remind everyone that celebrating safely with fireworks involves the Three Be's; Be Prepared, Be Safe and Be Responsible. If you plan on using fireworks, please make sure you consider the following;

- Fireworks can only be purchased from a licensed retail store in NH.

- Fireworks stores know their products. Ask for information about a product if you are unsure how to light it or to determine what the effect will be.

- You must be 21 years of age to purchase and use fireworks in NH.

- Check with your town to see if a permit is required to use fireworks. The community restrictions list can be found at www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/fireworks/documents/fireworks-community-restrictions-list.pdf

- Only light fireworks on a hard, flat and level surface and make sure the area is free from overhead obstructions (trees, electrical wires etc.).

- Never mix fireworks and alcohol and/or drug use.

- Wear eye and ear protection, gloves and clothing that cannot easily ignite.

- Do not attempt to re-light a firework that does not go off. Wait 15 minutes and then submerge it in a bucket of water overnight.

- You must be the property owner or have written permission from the property owner to light off fireworks.

- NEVER put any part of your body over a firework while attempting to light it and NEVER hold a firework in your hand while attempting to light it.

- Do not change or

manipulate a firework in any way and be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions for use.

Don't become a statistic. According to the CPSC 2018 Fireworks Annual Report, 9,100 people were treated in US hospital emergency rooms for fireworks related injuries. There were also five deaths nationwide directly related to fireworks.

Visit our website at www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/special-operations/fireworks/index.html or call the NH State Fire Marshal's Office at (603) 223-4289 for more information.

Around Town

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to restoring regular service levels as soon as this crisis passes.

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 any-

one who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

St. Jude Food Pantry

St. Jude's Food Pantry is open to all Londonderry resident who maybe in need. Call Kay at 434-1827 to make an appointment to pickup your food from the panty. "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. 16.

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.

OBITUARY

Gavin F. Creeden



Gavin F. Creeden, 44, of Chester, NH, died Friday June 19, 2020 in his home following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born in Manchester, NH on Sept. 10, 1975, a son of Leah (Stevenson) Creeden and the late Harvey Creeden who died in 2016. Gavin was a resident of Chester for most of his life, and attended Chester Elementary School. He also attended Pinkerton Academy in Derry. Gavin was employed as a CNC machinist at Tecomet in Woburn, MA. He enjoyed fast cars, and spending quality time with his son.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle (Daugherty) Creeden of Chester; his eleven year old son, Trevor S. Creeden of Chester; his mother Leah Creeden of Chester; as well as his brother, Garrick M. Creeden and his wife Christine of Raymond. He was predeceased by his brother, Ian P. Creeden in 2013.

Following cremation, the family will hold a Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m. at his home, 197 Harantis Lake Rd., Chester, NH. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneral-home.com.

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