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## Show Goes On

Annalise Kuhlman and Loey Tannalfo were two of the many performers taking the stage last week at the Londonderry Middle School as the Ovation Theatre Company presented 'A Chorus Line' in the parking lot.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## School District Launches New Blog Site for Reopening Issues

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School District recently created a District News and Updates Blog to keep residents abreast of what will be happening in

regard to the upcoming school year. The blog can be accessed through the school district website, [londonderry.org](http://londonderry.org) or at [news.londonderry.org](http://news.londonderry.org). You will be asked to join the blog through an email account.

As the district works through the complexities of developing a reopening plan, it will be posting responses to some of the most frequently asked questions, derived from the

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## School Board Hears from the Public and District Employees

KELSEY DERHAK  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board held an open forum at the High School Gym this past Tuesday, July 21, and heard from numerous staff members and parents on issues related to the school's reopening this fall.

The forum was an opportunity for the school board to hear from the town and the teachers in the school district on the reopening of schools this fall. Originally a two minute cap per speaker, it was moved to three minutes per speaker which held the meeting to just around two hours. The school board has not made any final decisions

regarding the school year as of yet and plans to make their final decision by August 4th. Those who wished to speak were asked to sign up as they walked into the gymnasium and waited until they were called to the microphone.

Up first on to speak was Jennifer LaBranche, who is the Londonderry Educators Association President speaking on behalf of the teachers in the district. LaBranche stated the "They miss their students and want to be back in the classrooms but in a safe manner for everyone." Teachers are concerned with the current proposal and are afraid to go back. Based on a survey more than 80% of

teachers feel unsafe without masks being mandated for staff and students. LaBranche also mentioned statistics that included the fact that children can transmit Covid same as an adult after age of 10. Teachers are also uneasy that there is no definitive response and actions to be taken if guidelines are not followed. Also mentioned in her report was the concern of the teachers about whether or not the promise to filter in fresh air to the school buildings can be fulfilled. LaBranche mentioned that "Individual building plans need to be seen by the association ensure contractual

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## Heritage Commission Hears Plans for Butterfly Garden

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The Heritage Commission met on Thursday, July 23, and one of the main items on the agenda for the meeting was the proposal for the Butterfly Garden to be planted near the town forest.

The Butterfly Garden project was previously approved by the Town Council in June of this year, but the group proposing the garden later found out that they also needed the approval of

the Heritage Commission, since the intended plot of land lies in the town's Historic District.

The intent of the Butterfly Garden is to create a colorful garden that will attract valuable pollinators such as bees and butterflies as well as birds. The garden would be on a piece of land near the Overlook Area of the Town Forest across the street from the Morrison House on Pillsbury Road. The land is currently owned by the Town of Londonderry

but was previously owned by Moose Hill Orchards. Andy Mack, Sr. is a part of the group planning this project and has agreed to help with the project once it is approved.

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# Residents Voice Their Opinions During School Board Meeting

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The Londonderry School District had an initial meeting to discuss reopening plans in the fall and many residents attended to add their thoughts on the plan.

The district announced that the goals behind their initial reopening process are to: Provide the best education possible to Londonderry Students under the circumstances.

They want to maximize the time, actually in school, during the 2020-21 school year, with public health guidelines in place. They will work with all families to bring them along with the district next year, while keeping staff and students safe and healthy. They also are trying to limit the number of families that unenroll.

The preferred approach for reopening was to work with all families with a combination of an In-Person Return as well as some Remote

Instruction.

In the slide presentation shown at the meeting, the board expressed flexibility and adaptability in their reopening plan.

It stated, "Our reopening plan is grounded in the emerging science on COVID-19 and Schools, as well as our plans for mitigate the any spread with Public Health measures we will implement, as well as the fact that NH is the one state where COVID-19 numbers are still declining consistently over the last few weeks.

But we also acknowledge the COVID-19 landscape constantly changes and we are prepared to use any of the four models throughout the year if needed based on public health concerns.

During a section of the meeting opened up to public comments a number of residents stepped forward to express their concerns with reopening.

Former School Board member Nancy Hen-

dricks started the public comments by asking the board how the district plans on dealing with space issues at Moose Hill Kindergarten and also recess time at the elementary schools.

Assistant Superintendent Dan Black responded that with the kindergarten students, the hope is that by wearing masks, it will prevent the spread of the virus. He added that classrooms should be able to accommodate proper social distancing. He also stated that recess at the schools would be a time for students to get a break from wearing masks, since they will be outdoors, and they may be segregation by grade level.

Hendricks also brought up the scenario of students moving to Londonderry from COVID-19 "hotspots," and how the district would handle that.

Black responded, they would be required to be quarantined for 14 days.

A second resident asked about whether mask wearing would be optional, point out that not all members of the

board were wearing their masks.

Superintendent Scott Laliberte responded that each of the board members were six-feet apart, and that there would be no way to allow some students to wear masks and others would not be required, but he also stated that he was looking for feedback from the community on their recommendations.

Tatiana Smith, a parent of a South School student, also opposed having children wearing masks throughout the school day saying she thought the germ level and air quality issues would outweigh the benefits. She also quoted an article published for dentists saying that face-masks are not effective.

She also added that nationally, only five hundredths of one percent of children have died after contracting the coronavirus. Adding that most of those deaths were because of chronic illnesses. She also said that more children are dying from other illnesses, yet all funding is going to this current crisis. She said, "I feel that

the COVID has been so hyped, that we are now required to live in fear, and we are going to have our children be very afraid and denied their ability to interact with their peers."

Smith asked, "I want to know if the School Board will stand up for our children's rights to be human and have a normal childhood?"

The board did not respond.

Another parent asked how school teachers would be documenting who is interacting with who, and what classes have seen the virus by which student.

Laliberte responded that they are very much working on that, and would be within the model they bring forward.

Resident Randy Fesh started by saying that he thought rather than following all the guidelines out there, the board should be able to make their own decisions on what direction they take. He also asked whether remote learning could have some night sessions, since many parents would be returning to work. Fesh finished by asking what sort of testing would be done

on students to prevent the spread of the virus. Another concern he had was what was going to happen during cold and flu season, saying that there needs to be some consistency on shutting down schools because of the effect it has on working parents.

Laliberte answered by saying that the district doesn't want that to happen either, but it is conceivable that if there is a spike, the schools will most likely be shut down and move to remote learning.

State Senator Sharon Carson addressed the board, saying that she has been contacted by a number of parents with special needs children who don't feel that their children's needs are being met by the district. She asked that the schools meet with these parents to iron out what the plan would be moving forward.

Director of Public Services, Kim Carpinone, responded that those meeting will be taking place as the school year gets under way, but there are 750 families involved, and that it is a major task to meet with them individually.

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# Historical Society Look To Make Repairs on Morrison House

KELSEY DERHAK  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the meeting of the Londonderry Heritage Commission, held at High School Cafeteria, on July 23, commission member David Colglazier updated the other members of the Commission on the repairs the Historical Society is looking to do on the Morrison House.

Those repairs included old asphalt shingles that need to be replaced on the roof. The Society is looking to find wooden weathered looking shingles. They want the new roof to keep with the rest of the house and

do not want the roof to look new.

Colglazier added that the Historical Society is also going to have to replace the front door as well as replace and repair some of the wood-working around the front door. The bulkhead on the backside of the house needs to be replaced as well. There is also repair work being done to the barn because groundhogs have gotten into the ramps on the east and west side and they don't want further damage to be done. The historical society is having some trouble finding people to do the

repairs to the barn and will continue working on the house in the time being. The house itself needs to be repainted and the historical society is focusing on that for the time being.

There was no time table given for the repairs.

In other business:

There have been no further changes to any of the site plans below. Members of the board had previously viewed all the designs for the lots as well as landscaping. The sites for review are as follows:

- Application for design review of a site

plan for Phases 4,5 & 6 of the Cross Farm Development, an elderly housing development. Phases 4, 5 & 6 include 81 dwelling units and associated site improvements, 200 Nashua Road, Map 6, Lot 59-1, Zoned AR-1, Cross Farm Development, LLC (Owner & Applicant)

- Application for design review of a lot line adjustment between 33 Londonderry Road, Map 10 Lot 87 (Zoned C-II) and 23 Londonderry Road, Map 10 Lot 148 (Zoned C-II), 33 Londonderry Road, LLC and Lionel Labonte Rev Trust (Owners) and Advanced Machining

Technologies (Applicant)

- Application for design review of a lot line adjustment plan between 16 Harvey Road, Map 11 Lot 102, 12 Harvey Road, Map 11 Lot 102-4, and 20 Harvey Road, Map 11 Lot 102-6, Zoned AR-1, Deanna Heuston, Sherry Innis & Scott Heitter and Richard & Carolyn Innis (Owners & Applicants)

- Application for design review of a site plan for parking lot upgrades and associated site improvements, 33 Londonderry Road, Map 10 Lot 87 (Zoned C-II), 33 Londonderry Road, LLC

(Owner) and Advanced Machining Technologies (Applicant)

- Application for a design review for a site plan amendment to add additional outdoor display and storage areas, 41 Nashua Road, Map 7 Lot 119, Zoned C-I, Greenberg Farrow (Applicant) and Home Depot USA, Inc. (Owner)

- Application for design for review of a site plan amendment for a paved access drive around the existing building, Three Aviation Park Drive, Map 14 Lot 29-10, Zoned IND-II, Kake Preserve (Owner & Applicant)

## Butterfly

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proved. The group of residents working on the project includes; Marge Badios, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Deb Curtin, a local artist and longtime resident of the town, Val Cloutier, a member of local Garden Group, Martha Smith, Andy Mack Sr., and Deb Paul, who is a member of the Town Council, The Publisher of the Londonderry Times and an avid gardener.

The layout of the garden has not been final-

ized as of yet but the possible plans include room for people to move around and explore the garden. The hope is that this project will be one the whole community can be involved with and enjoy. Future plans also include benches where people can sit and enjoy the garden. The group also wants to bring recyclable art into the garden where the art will either be created from repurposed metal or other recycled items. The group plans to make this a self-funded project through donations and fundraising as well as applying for grants. Once the plans have been

approved they also plan to enlist the help of UNH for a soil studying and other additional advice. The Beautify Londonderry group, other residents and local businesses have indicated their interest in this project as well. The group plans to build the garden in phases. In the early phases, the soil will need to be tested to see what plants will grow best in the area. Also the proposed layout of the first phase will be completed and presented to the Commission. As the project gains more momentum and funding the group would then plan to expand and grow the garden.

Once the initial presentation ended, members of the Commission agreed that it was something that the town needed and would be welcomed. However, they would like to see some further plans for phase one of the development of the project. The consensus from the Heritage Commission was that they would need a lot plan for the land where the Butterfly Garden will be located as well as a written maintenance plan and information for a designated contact for the group in charge.

The commission also recommended speaking with Kent Allen to get

exact dimensions as the garden would about the town forest where he is the caretaker. Allen who was present at the meeting said, "it is a great idea but it is a tough piece of land." Allen's main concern was that they leave a 20-foot buffer to enable proper access for the equipment necessary to tend the forest. Overall, the

Commission welcomed the idea but needs more details for final approval.

The matter was continued until the September meeting to gather additional information.

The day after the meeting Deb Paul met with Kent Allen and staked out the area the group intends to use for the garden.

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# Editorial

## Think First

It's very easy in this political season to speak or post before we think. In the past years comments of some candidates have been so outrageous, that they polarize people, getting them all riled up, and it's all we can do not to blurt out something equally inappropriate.

The same holds true as we read and watch most news stories about the latest protests for "Black Lives Matter" or acts of violence against police. It's too easy to react with generalizations, rumor and accusations. When a polarized issue or election rolls around comments can get really ugly.

The anger and outrage created with an "us versus them" mentality make it even more important to recognize the power of what free speech carries. Free speech is a serious responsibility. We need to understand the potential result of demonizing religions, nationalities, race, gender or political parties. It's not just the Presidential election that bringing out the worst in people; it happens with all kinds of tragedies; like mass shootings, protests, attacks on police officers and individuals. People too often look to divide us more instead of expressing themselves in a calm manner. People seem to take matters to a violent level using fear as a tactic. We all need to learn how to listen to each other. Clearly we accept that we are all individuals and may think differently or have different perspectives on an issue. However, we must learn to agree to disagree and find common ground in a civil manner.

Calling for violence against each other is just wrong, whether it's in the heat of a political race or in reaction to

an issue we are currently confronting. Attack mode doesn't help anyone and is very hard to justify. The idea of thinking about what we say before we say it needs a huge boost right about now. No one wants the responsibility of hurting or even worse killing an innocent person. Continual calls to violence will have no good results.

In this age of social media and the Internet, people write, send and post comments without even a second reading or a thought as to what consequence their words carry. It is natural for people to get all wound up about a cause, politician or injustice and have an immediate reaction. But remember we're dealing with real lives. If people hear something enough times about someone or something that is not true, just allegations, violence is a definitely a possible response and clearly a result no one really wants. Think before you speak or write.

It is very human to care, and want to do something, as we should, but just leave the nastiness and violence out of your message. If you express yourself calmly and intelligently people will have a much better impression of your opinions. Generalizing, categorizing and labeling people and issues is not a good way to express your thoughts. Labeling just divides us more than we already are and the more we draw attention to the differences the less we see how we are all the same. We are the human race and we must all treat each other as equals and with respect.

In the great words of John Lennon "You may say I'm a dreamer, But I'm not the only one, I hope some day you'll join us, And the world will be as one."

# Letters

## The Show Goes On

To the editor,

An extraordinary event happened this past weekend and we have so many people to thank for making it possible. In a season in which live events are extremely difficult to produce, especially for a relatively new community theatre company, A Chorus Line was presented to our community on three beautiful evenings at the Londonderry Middle School parking lot. There were dozens of moments and key turning points over the last few months when it seemed like this was never going to happen, but thanks to all of the people listed below, it did. The show was originally planned for an intimate, indoor venue and COVID-19 made that impossible. When outdoor events (with stringent guidelines) were permitted, we investigated various options, including using the lawn at Ovation Studios on Harvey Road. We appealed to Kevin Smith and the Londonderry Town staff for suggestions and they were immediately supportive and solution-oriented. Fire Chief O'Brien is responsible for the town's COVID-safety measures and so he entered the discussion, always putting safety first, while still being so encouraging. We turned to the school district and facilities director Chuck Zappala, knowing that that they were going through all of their own challenges, finishing up a bizarre school year and planning for graduation events for our seniors; after careful

deliberation, the administration agreed to host us at LMS and Chuck made everything happen. The LMS custodial staff then stepped up and offered great support throughout the week of set-up, rehearsals and performances. Just when we thought we were all set, the state DOT crew started their paving work in front of the school, which would have been very disruptive during a performance. Working with them and the supportive Londonderry Police officers who were protecting the crew, they graciously agreed to delay their work until after the final show. Throughout the week, we were also blessed with wonderful media coverage and volunteer help to build our stage. Ultimately, we have to thank the cast and their families for trusting us to conduct safe rehearsals and shows, while maintaining the highest quality for their experience and the entertainment of the audience – and of course everyone who turned out to enjoy and applaud their amazing talent. This event was unprecedented and we could not have done it without so, so many people.

Thank you all!

Meg Gore and  
everyone at Ovation  
Theatre Company  
Londonderry

## Defending Al Baldasaro

To the editor,

Ok Democrats (some), we get it, you want to cancel Al Baldasaro for his past remarks on HRC

(Hilary Rodem Clinton). To me, HRC's arrogance and superiority was her own firing squad. You should've learned from it.

But you didn't, and if you want to bring up the past, let's talk about hypocrisy. You claim to be all-inclusive and bipartisan but when a fully qualified Black Republican ran for Congress and showed a lead, you had your candidate disclose his sexual preference for the win. More hypocrisy, the BLM movement has been around for years, but only now do you choose to put a BLM sign at your HQ, as if you've always supported them. Stop making the BLM about you and just let Black people speak for themselves. Listen.

A little more on signs...you are wasting paint. Posting your opinions on plywood in your yard, come on, you need that much attention? Embarrassing.

Maybe you're just too arrogant, like HRC, and think we're all dumb enough to believe you have all the answers. But we're not, we can think for ourselves and will vote accordingly.

Rob Underwood  
Londonderry

## Response to Letter on Polio

To the editor,

Mr. Page, I must say I was taken back by your letter of last week. Comparing Polio to the current Sars-Cov-2 pandemic is as different as comparing day to night. To explain; Polio was transmitted by direct human

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# Senior Class Gets To Socialize Before Their Graduation



About a third of the 2020 LHS Graduates made their way to the fields behind the high school on Monday night to the Senior Social. Despite the heat, over one hundred of the graduates participated in the fun. The event included a box dinner, games, music, and socializing face-to-face with friends who, in some cases, they haven't seen since March.



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# Letters

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to human contact, specifically the fecal matter transferred from human to human, in children. SARS Cov-2 (as we all should know by now) can transfer from respiratory expulsions: coughing & sneezing. It can also stay alive in the air and on surfaces, for some time. Which is reason we all should be wearing masks, Right?

You asked if there was any mention of closing things down, as is the case today. I believe with the intent of creating the impression there were no closures. If this were the case, again you could not be more wrong. Schools did close, Movie theaters closed, public swimming areas, etc.

It may help to explain what the virus is: the virus is SARS Cov-2, the disease which comes from it is called Covid-19. You may remember SARS from years past or perhaps in the long form: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. So yes, it has morphed/evolved into the now SARS Cov-2. I am not even sure if I should tell you there are now two types: Type S and Type L. I will let you research on your own which one is worse. The point being: The TERMINOLO-

GY here is VERY, VERY Important! While Children seem to not develop Covid 19 symptoms, they can "transmit" the SARS-Cov-2 Virus.

I cannot tell you why Covid-19 symptoms are not prevalent in children. My own theory is the ACE2 Receptors in the Lungs of children may be different than in adults? I will explain. This is how the SARS-Cov-2 attaches itself to the Lungs and starts replicating, causing Covid-19 symptoms. Thinking of a lock & key may help.

I read your solution is as simple as telling children to wash their hands. One thing I can say as a parent; we do love them unconditionally. However, they can be filthy little buggers. My own eight-year-old grandson was over last weekend and used the bathroom. Upon exiting I asked, did you wash your hands? The reply was yes. Funny, I didn't hear any water running, to which I got a half smile. I then said: go back in and this time use soap and water! I trust you get the point.

Lastly, I do understand the hardship placed on families, which does include my own children and grandchildren. Perhaps in your next letter you could compare the current hardship to what a child

would feel bringing it home to one's family. If this sounds harsh; I do remember having 3 kids go thru the school system. Whatever was "going around the school", always, always came home to us!

As for Fear or Facts, you can decide for yourself.

Steve Homsey  
Londonderry

## Tyrannical Infringement on Personal Liberty

To the editor,  
Some weeks ago I wrote a letter to the editor of this paper complaining that environmental and work place regulation and paying taxes to support public schools and medical coverage was a "tyrannical infringement on my personal liberty".

I suspect most Republicans and Democrats alike found this point of view repugnant and I would agree, but it is a real policy goal.

When the president ineptly admitted recently that voter suppression was necessary for Republicans to win elections he exposed a truth that they have long known but never admitted. Another unutterable truth is the one exposed by my fictitious business man in that earlier letter.

You think public schools are safe? Witness our secretary of education Betsy DeVos. Mother Jones magazine in its March/April 2017 issue did a piece titled Betsy DeVos wants to use Americas Schools to Build "Gods Kingdom". The article outlines this billionaire philanthropist decade's long crusade to siphon money away from public schools with the ultimate goal of doing away with all public schools and replacing them with unaccountable for-profit schools.

During the 2016 campaign the president promised to do away with the Affordable Care Act popularly known as "Obama Care" and replace it with something far better. Right now this administration is appealing to the Supreme Court to strike down this legislation. If successful, this would

deny healthcare to about 23 million people in the midst of a pandemic. No replacement plan is forthcoming and here is why.

These actions are perfectly consistent with the libertarian Republican view point in power today. In her book Democracy in Chains, Nancy McLean, professor of History and Public Policy at Duke University outlines the plan to "kill off unions, keep millions of citizens from voting, privatize everything from schools to highways to Medicare and Social Security, stop any action on climate change and transform the legal system and amend the Constitution to lock all of this in place permanently." They have made great strides towards this goal under the current administration.

If this plan was brought out into the

light of day it would certainly not win anything near popular support so it must be kept in the dark. So to get elected and divert attention away from the real goal you divide the nation into factions. As President Lyndon Johnson once said "If you can convince the lowest white man he's better than the best colored man, he won't notice you're picking his pocket. Hell, give him somebody to look down on, and he'll empty his pockets for you." This describes Trumps election strategy to a tee. Just substitute the word "colored" for immigrant, anarchist, Muslim whatever and there you have it. People most susceptible to this tactic form a huge part of Trumps support.

Ironically, many of these are the folks that will suffer most under

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## Three Local Road Closures For This Week and Next

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There will be a number of roads being closed to traffic over the next few weeks, and residents are being warned to seek alternative routes during construction periods.

Residents with questions on the closings should call the Public Works Department at 432-1100, ext. 193.

### Buttrick Road

Between now and Aug. 7, residents can expect to see detours on Buttrick Road between Route 102 and Orchard View Drive due to sewer construction.

### Alexander Road

Beginning Monday, Aug. 3, and continuing through Friday, Aug. 7, a section of Alexander Road will be closed to through traffic due to road construction.

Residents should use Litchfield and High Range roads to avoid this.

### Bancroft Road

Also beginning Monday, Aug. 3, Bancroft Road will have daily closures due to road construction. Detours will be through Stonehenge and Pillsbury roads. This construction is scheduled to take approximately three weeks, depending on the weather.

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# Kids Coop Theatre to Perform 'Not Oliver' This Week in Derry

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Although the Kids Coop Theatre group has been hit hard by the effects of the COVID 19 Pandemic, they have been busily working on what was suppose to be their spring performance, but has now become a summer musical. This week they will share their

hard work and dedication on the musical revue, "Not Oliver!"

Originally, the group was scheduled to perform Memorial Day weekend at the Derry Opera House, but due to the pandemic, the theatre group will now be performing outside, at Kids Coop Theatre studios parking lot on East Derry Road in East

Derry.

The cast includes 15 talented youth actors who have remained committed through these most exceptional circumstances, and are presenting a one-hour musical revue, with an original script written by Director, and KCT Alumni, John Rodgers. Other Kids Coop Alumni adding to the direction

team are Daniel Cain as Music Director and Megan Cullinane as Choreographer.

A limited number of tickets will be sold at the Kids Coop Theatre Studio, at 46 East Derry Road, Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., cash or check payable to Kids Coop Theatre.

Due to necessary

safety precautions and space restrictions, all seating will be assigned in advance.

Over the past several months, due to the pandemic, the group lost more than half their performers, the entire directing team, and the show rights. It also forced them to move on with virtual rehearsals through late June.

Now, with a new directing team, who wrote their own musical using past shows music, the group is trying to get through this trying time with the energy of some fresh faces.

The kids and parents that remained with the program have put a lot of effort into this play, and are inviting folks to come see the performance.

## Letters

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his vision of the future. Don't be fooled.

Bryan MacLaren  
Londonderry

### The Point of Social Media

To the editor

Lately I have noticed many comments on various Facebook pages in town that are very hateful and mean. I believe the purpose of social media should be to inform or stay in touch with people you know and care about. Why is it so difficult for some people to be kind when making a post or a comment on Facebook? My advice to everyone in town who reads or comments on the many Facebook pages that have been created by individuals or groups in our town is to remember

that your words can mislead or hurt others. Please try to be kind even though you may disagree with something you see. Better yet just ignore and scroll right by these items and don't give more attention to these nasty posts and comments. We should really show some respect for each other instead of choosing this forum to rant.

Martha Smith  
Londonderry

### Baldasaro Response

To the editor,  
Democrats have been on a roll, coming after me on my comments, which I stand by.

During my service of over 22 Honorable years in the military, I have taken the oath to serve, to protect and defend the constitution from enemies foreign and domestic many times. I

have been a loud voice as a representative for Londonderry residents for 14 years. I will never give up my Freedom of Speech to conform to the Democrat's Politically Correct World. Not me, as I am one who will tell you the truth with no fluff or fear that someone just might get their feelings hurt.

I want to clear up a few things in the Fake Media. The Liberals use these false stories to try to silence Republicans. I have never been investigated or censored by the Secret Service or the Republican Party regarding my comments. I was being interviewed on the Kuhner Radio show interview in Cleveland Ohio in 2016 about Ambassador Stephens and the Veterans who were killed at Benghazi. The U.S. Marines were at the Embassy only two miles away and they

were told to stand-down by Hillary Clinton. I said on the show that I am speaking as a Veteran and I said that I believe that "Hillary Clinton 'SHOULD' go in front of a firing squad and shot for treason." Now for the Democrats who continue to bring this up, my comments were an opinion in accordance with the U.S. Constitution Article 3, section 3 on Treason and 18 US Code.115: and 18 USC Ch. 115: and put to death is in law after being tried and convicted. Did you even know that Treason and put to death is in the Constitution and in US Code 18? The Liberal media changed my words and said I wanted her assassinated/executed. I used the word "should" meaning that I hoped she would be tried and convicted. The Democrats will realize someday that we are

a country of laws and a person must first be found guilty of Treason in a court of law.

At the time, this radio show occurred I was with Secret Service in the same hotel with then Candidate Donald Trump and nobody brought me in for an investigation. Thousands of Democrats and some RINO Republicans who hated Trump made a big issue of my opinion. But how can you put charges on someone for having an opinion, in accordance with the Constitution and the 18 U.S. Code? Later in the week I did have a phone conversation with a Secret Service Agent who stated he heard my comments and there was nothing there to investigate.

Knowing this is election year, Democrats are feeling threatened by Republicans like me who speak our minds when we call them out on their policies, like raising NH taxes & fees and their mandates that would cause our hardworking taxpayers to pay more in property taxes. They passed mandate bills which will raise your insurance premiums, forcing everyone to pay for abortions. You will never silence me. I will continue to speak the truth and keep Londonderry residents informed. I stand by less Spending = Less Taxes!

God Bless our President and God Bless America

Al Baldasaro,  
Londonderry

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# Ovation Cast Hits the Stage Outdoors with A Chorus Line



The weather cooperated and made it possible for the Ovation Theatre Company to perform three “A Chorus Line” shows at the Londonderry Middle School parking lot between Thursday and Saturday last week. Nearly 25 performers took to the stage under the guidance of Director Meg Gore, Musical Director Kevin Fisher and Choreographed by Adam Fugal, Katy Gore and Joey Tannalfo. The entire cast wore face shields due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the show was viewed by social distanced fans.

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# Theatre Group Hosts Summer Camp and Drive In Performance



Ovation Theatre Company was able to modify their InnOvation Summer Camp to fit the NHDHS guidelines and still provide a great experience for over 30 local students; in fact, once they announced their plans, it sold out quickly. The camp staff creatively divided Moana Jr. into three parts, so each group of campers could stay separated throughout their whole experience, from lessons to rehearsals to the show they presented outdoors at Londonderry Middle School last week, on Thursday afternoon, it featured Ava Amaro, Malia Smith and Aislinn Sprague sharing the lead role.

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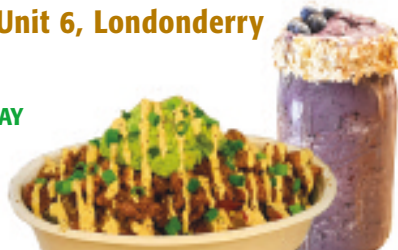


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# Annual Blues Festival To Benefit Veterans Will Take Place

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**heir motto: "Vets Helping Vets." Their mission: "To maintain public awareness of veteran issues... to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen, have been taken prisoner or are missing in action while serving their country during an armed conflict," and, "To support and defend those who have defended our country and our freedoms."

According to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, as of January 2019 nearly 10 percent of all the state's homeless population comprises of veterans. Now more than ever, in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, those who have defended the United States need the support of those they have fought to protect.

That is where the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) and the Londonderry Blues Festival come in.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the sixth annual Blues Festival will be taking place on the Commons later this summer on Saturday, August 22.

Funds raised at the festival will benefit the CVMA, an organization consisting of all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles, and who work to help veteran care facilities provide warm meals, clothing, shelter, and guidance to veterans in need.

As always, admission to the Blues Festival will be free, with opportunities available for patrons to donate to the cause either through food truck purchases, participation in raffles, and through direct donations.

Dennis Martin (also known as Dr. Harp), Blues Fest coordinator and front man for Dr. Harp's All Veterans Blues Band, met with Chief of the Londonderry Fire Department, Darren O'Brien on Monday, July 27 to iron out all of the details to make this event possible.

According to Martin, the Blues Festival will be the only concert event to have been allowed to take place in town amid the pandemic so far.

Naturally, for the safety of everyone involved, CDC guidelines will be in place for the event per Chief O'Brien. Signs will be placed along the Commons to help individuals and family groups (of no more than ten) maintain a distance of at least six feet apart.

According to Martin, there will be a barbecue food truck and an ice cream truck on the common for patrons to purchase food from. There will also be two tables for patrons to visit, one to participate in raffles and one to give direct donations to the Association.

Martin stated that outside non-alcoholic beverages are welcome, and patrons may bring their own chairs and blankets if they wish. Per current CDC guidelines, patrons



*Dennis Martin, who's known as Dr. Harp has organized the Annual Blues Festival in Londonderry for six years.*

are urged to wear face masks while in attendance, and are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies.

Martin explained that the Festival will have far fewer vendors this year than in years past in order to keep things safe for all in attendance. As a result, there is the possibility of fewer avenues for donations, but Martin is hopeful that the festival will still be able to match monies raised from previous years.

"We hope that people will give out of the goodness of their heart," said Martin.

Martin spoke highly of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, stating that the organization does not profit from any money they receive,

instead putting it all back into their community of fellow veterans in need.

"They don't take one penny," Martin said, "It's all volunteers, no administrative costs."

Along with Martin's band, the Londonderry Blues Fest will once again

feature, for everyone's listening pleasure, the Deep Fry'd Blues Band.

Also joining the lineup this year will be the Larry Dougher Band and the Adam McMahon Trio.

All four groups have something to offer listeners of all ages. The young and young-at-heart will all find themselves dancing and singing, and just immersing themselves in the deep, soulful instrumentals and vocals.

"This is a family event, all ages are welcome," said Martin.

Attendees will be asked to remain 20 to 25 feet away from the stage for their safety, though distance will make no difference in listening quality as the smoky-smooth sounds of the Blues will fill all of the Commons, pouring out into the surrounding streets.

The sixth annual Londonderry Blues Festival will take place August 22 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Parking will be available at all neighboring church-

es and at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, said Martin. There will also be volunteers present to help direct parking and traffic.

Those who are apprehensive about attending this year's Blues Festival, but who would still like to contribute to the cause may visit [www.combatvetnhv1.org](http://www.combatvetnhv1.org) or [www.combatvets52.com](http://www.combatvets52.com) to make donations directly to the local CVMA chapters, and to learn more about the organization.

Donations for raffles will also be accepted via drop off on the day of the event before patrons are expected to arrive.

"I'm there at ten," said Martin. "Just look for the guy who has the Coast Guard shirt on."

Anyone who would like to arrange a drop off for a raffle donation further ahead of time, or who has further questions regarding this year's Blues Festival may contact Dennis Martin at (603) 303-0352.

## Absentee Ballots Now Available

**T**he Secretary of State's office announces that absentee ballots for the 2020 elections have been sent to every city and town across New Hampshire. All city and town clerks' offices now have these ballots in hand, and are able to send absentee ballots to New Hampshire voters who request them.

In light of COVID-19, New Hampshire voters who are ill due to COVID-19, are caring for some-

one with COVID-19 or symptoms, or who are concerned that voting in person will expose themselves or others to COVID-19, are able to vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be requested through your local city or town clerk's office. The Secretary of State's office encourages anyone wishing to vote by absentee to make that request at their earliest opportunity.

As we approach the 2020 elections, it is criti-

cally important to get accurate answers to your elections-related questions. Granite Staters should remember that their local and state election officials are their trusted sources of election information.

Further guidance for voting during COVID-19 can be found on the Secretary of State's website at [sos.nh.gov/VotingEmergency.aspx](http://sos.nh.gov/VotingEmergency.aspx) or contact David Scanlan, Deputy NH Secretary of State (603) 271-3242.

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## Blog Site

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emails it has received. Although the district is grateful for the hundreds of emails and questions that have been submitted, answering all of these emails individually is beyond the capacity of the district. As such, school officials will be adding questions received with the best available answers on an ongoing basis.

As of Tuesday, July 28, there were over 3,800 subscribers to the blog these are some of the most frequently asked

questions:

Will Masks be Mandatory?

What is the difference between Block and Hybrid Scheduling at LHS?

Is the District purchasing plexiglas dividers for desks?

Will families be allowed to choose the option of having their students learn remotely if they wish, and would those remote learners be able to access in school programs or co curricular activities?

What is the difference between Remote Learning and Home-schooling?

If a family chooses to enter remote learning, and their student receives special education services, is it possible for them to receive those services in the school building?

If a family chooses to enter remote learning, and their student receives special education services, is it possible for them to receive those services remotely?

Can families choose to change from in-person to remote learning, or remote to in person, during the school year?

How will remote learning look different this fall than it did this

past spring?

How will Moose Hill School facilitate social distancing with our youngest learners?

Why are student temperature checks not a part of the initial District plan?

What will the school do if there is a suspected or positive COVID-19 case in the school?

What are symptom-based criteria for discontinuation isolation?

What does classroom capacity look like if distancing guidelines are followed?

How will student transportation operate?

All drivers and students will be required to

wear masks during the operation. The bus capacity will be two students per bench. Students will be assigned seating (Siblings will be assigned to the same bench whenever possible). Maximum ventilation will be provided. All buses will be cleaned between runs; and sanitized when return to bus terminal. High School and Middle School students will be riding the same bus routes. Parents are encouraged to supervise social distancing at bus stops while waiting for the bus. Specialized transportation will be provided using A

and B routes to allow for physical distancing as needed.

Also posted on the Aug. 4, School Board Meeting and Public Hearing Update:

The Tuesday, Aug. 4, Londonderry School Board Regular Meeting will take place at 6 p.m. in the Londonderry High School Café.

The Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 4, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Londonderry High School Café. As always, the public is invited to attend all Board meetings and Public Hearings.

## School Workshop

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concerns are addressed." Finishing her time, LaBranche ended with "the teachers are willing to do what it takes to give the students of Londonderry an excellent education."

Other teachers from the school district were also in attendance.

Brian Courtemanche, who has been teaching History at the high school for 24 years was very animated as he spoke, "Teachers want to come back, but it's not always a matter of want it's often a matter of need." Courtemanche encouraged the school board to choose Hybrid scheduling as it is the easier of the two choices to maintain social dis-

tancing guidelines. He thought the model of 20 percent capacity would be a good recommendation to follow.

It was reported earlier in the meeting by Chrystena Ewen, High School science teacher, that 65 out of the 80 teachers that responded to the survey would feel more comfortable returning with a Hybrid model. Courtemanche ended his time encouraging the board to "please open schools responsibly."

John Grennon, a parent who works in Boston was very concerned with how children who show symptoms would be treated while in school according to what he had heard last

last school board meeting.

Grennon said, "If my child, comes to school and is symptomatic, They're going to be sent to an isolation room?"

He added that the district has a 70 million dollar budget, and they'll be using a baby monitor to watch his child until he gets home from Boston. He was dumfounded.

He also couldn't understand why children showing symptoms wouldn't be able to see a nurse. He urged the school board to take the most conservative course of action they can.

Parents of students in the district also took their turns sharing their thoughts on the reopening of schools. There were some that spoke

who believe that following social distancing and mask guidelines will be harmful and ineffective for the children.

Tatiana Smith stated in her time on the microphone that "they should address the mental health issues instead of Covid safety measures."

Other parents who spoke up would like to see the school board make conservative actions towards children's safety by following all recommended guidelines, and supporting the

teachers to allow the schools to open back up.

School District Finance Director, Peter Curro spoke about the issues with transportation briefly, saying that getting additional buses is not an option. He also said the he was told they could fit two students per seat as long as they are wearing masks. Curro said that the Middle School and High School bus routes will be merged, since half the classes don't use

buses in the high school. By doing this it would enable them to get to the Elementary schools on time. "We're doing this the best we can." Curro said.

The School Board has not yet made their final decision on the reopening of the district and will make that decision by Aug. 4. There will be a blog running live questions and answers for the community to ask more questions on the school district website.

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# AROUND TOWN

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## Republican Meeting

Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) Meeting, on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. It's mobilization time to help elect Republican Candidates. We will be discussing current and likely issues during the final stages of the 2020 Republican campaign. All

current committee members, affiliates, and those desiring to become active members are encouraged to attend.

## Virtual Vacation Bible School

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church will present Concrete and Cranes, a virtual VBS on Facebook, from Aug. 3, through Aug. 7, every morning at 10 a.m.

Children in Grades 4 through 7 are invited to join the fun with Bible stories, Songs and Crafts. There will be a socially distanced ice cream party on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. in the church parking lot. (5 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry). Register at [cfbc@cfbc-nh.net](mailto:cfbcfbc-nh.net) with name, address, phone number and age of child, to receive materials needed to follow the programming. Find us at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church on Facebook.

## Free Meals

Free July and August Meals in Derry/Londonderry Area opened to everyone. Dinner on July 31 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Dinner on Aug. 9 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 5 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 15 at St Luke's Church from 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 16 at Elijah's Table (EHS) from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Continental Breakfast on Aug. 22 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Dinner on Aug. 28 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Lunch on Aug. 30 at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sonshine Soup Kitchen - will be serving

drive-by to-go meals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. If you need food, call 437-2833, ext. 1, and leave a message. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will get back to you to make an appointment for you to pick up food outside of its building.

## Annual Blues Festival

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## 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 qualifica-

tions for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

## 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](http://www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559), Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at [selizab@urteachers.org](mailto: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](mailto:selizab@urteachers.org).

## 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 Road, Derry. Hours are Mondays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays\* 3 - 4 p.m., and by appointment (front entrance).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:jrkdias@aol.com)

## St. Jude Food Pantry

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## Teen Talk

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## Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges.

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# OBITUARY

## Corey Christopher Oliverio



Corey Christopher Oliverio, 31, of Northwood, NH, passed away Monday July 27, 2020 at his home. He was born on July 24, 1989 in Lawrence, Mass, a son of Chris Oliverio and Cynthia (Barg) Giannelli. Corey was a graduate of Londonderry High School and was on the wrestling team with his brother Justin. He later received his Bachelor's degree in Business from Rivier College. While at Rivier, he was instrumental in establishing and playing for the first Lacrosse team and also played soccer for the college. He was most recently a full time stay at home step dad to his fiancé's two children.

He is survived by his father Chris Oliverio and his wife Tracey, mother Cynthia (Barg) Giannelli and her fiancé William Brooks, fiancé Mary Kerr, stepchildren Cameron and Eva, five brothers, his twin brother Justin Oliverio and his wife Jennifer, Joshua Oliverio and his wife Meaghan, Jacob Oliverio, Mason Giannelli, and Dalton Giannelli; his grandparents, Joyce Oliverio, Judith Tinker, and Ronald and Joyce Barg; aunts and uncles, including his aunt Danielle, and great aunt and uncle, Dale and Bob, as well as his cousins Samantha and David Polson, Felicia Lacasse, Britney Lacasse, Heather Cormier and Shannon Garner and her husband Joshua with whom he shared a special bond.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family, will take place Friday, July 31, from 4 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22. Further details will be available in the near future. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Foundation for Transplants at [www.transplants.org](http://www.transplants.org). To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



## LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**UPDATE:** The Londonderry School District will conduct a public hearing on the acceptance of the Federal CARES ESSER Grant. The Londonderry School District is scheduled to receive \$168,605.83 to defray the costs associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Such funds shall be received under RSA 198:20-b, appropriations for Unanticipated Funds. It will take place at the Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, New Hampshire in the Cafeteria. **The date has changed from Tuesday, August 4, 2020 to Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00pm. The public is invited to attend.**

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## Around Town

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lenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Road, Derry. This is a free weekly group.

To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

### 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

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - July 20

**7:24 a.m.** Animal Control call Investigated at Pipe Dream Brewing on Harvey Road.

**12:58 p.m.** Services rendered during Neighborhood Disputes on Pendleton Lane.

**3:17 p.m.** Services Rendered by Animal Control at Londonderry Middle School on Mammoth Road.

#### Tuesday - July 21

**12:05 a.m.** Warning issued during suspicious activity at Manchester

#### Boston Regional Airport.

**3:22 a.m.** Arrest made by five officers during Burglary at Taco Bell/KFC on Nashua Road. Michael Reynolds, 21, of Derry charged with Burglary (Night/Home/Weapon); and Burglary Tools Possession.

**12:23 p.m.** Services rendered by four officers for Welfare Check on Kelley Road.

**7:33 p.m.** Auto Theft investigated by four officers on Kestree Drive.

**10:04 p.m.** Suspicious

Activity investigated on High Range Road.

**10:40 p.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

#### Wednesday - July 22

**7:49 a.m.** Animal Control called for Missing Dog on Wilshire Drive.

**8:43 a.m.** Disturbance on Kestree Drive leads to an Arrest by six officers. Justin Racca, 37, of Londonderry charged with Disobeying an Officer; Reckless Operation;

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# Upper Room Supports Grandparents as Parents with Kinship Program

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center is excited to share it has received funding through New Hampshire Children's Trust, in support of its new Kinship Program geared at connecting with Grandparents or who are raising their grandchildren. This program also works with other families where a sibling, or extended family member is caring for a relative who is a child they are now raising.

The work began in early April and The

Upper Room connected with the YMCA in Londonderry to see how it could support the PASTA group which supports grandparents. Acting in support of the amazing efforts already happening at The Y, The Upper Room shared in the meetings and began offering additional case management, and concrete supports to these families. Helping them find resources for food, bills and summer camps, as well as being part of their support network. Also acting as a sounding

board, offering individual support, and problem solving some of the challenges of this period in time.

In May, SoRock Coalition for Youth, connected and asked to be part of the efforts as well, so this southern NH region is thriving at supporting grandparents in many communities. "During a very unpredictable time, the work being done with grand families is critical. Lack of connections, and increased out of school time, means that grandparents have a higher

responsibility for the care, education and social emotional being of their grandchildren. Combine these new responsibilities in an uncertain time and families feel the stress, and children feel it too." States Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director.

The Upper Room, is working to help families thrive, and these families are engaging in groups, on site activities at The YMCA in Londonderry, and through face to face visits, to offer support and assistance, from our

Kinship Navigator. "When we all work together, we are able to offer a wider array of services and problem solve together. An example of partnership this summer came when The YMCA and Upper Room were able to work together to help families find affordable summer camps for their grandchildren". States Guggisberg "We realize that when we can each help in some way, that children and families have a stronger ability to manage challenges, and thrive. We know that

through the connections, and working together we can build supports that give the greatest assistance during the greatest times of need".

The Upper Room plans to continue to partner with area agencies, to support grand parents, and also has created individualized services and support available to anyone interested in receiving those services in our region. For more information about the Kinship Program, Contact Seren at 603-437-8477 or selizabeth@urteachers.org.

## Police Log

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Lane Control; Breach of Bail; Stalking (Notice of Order); and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

**11:05 a.m.** Animal Control called for Dog Bite on Canterbury Lane.

**11:25 a.m.** Services rendered for Identity Theft on Bayberry Lane.

**5:22 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Bartley Hill Road.

**7:15 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Oakridge Drive.

**9:10 p.m.** Services rendered for Shoplifting at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

**9:44 p.m.** Four officers assist New Hampshire State Police at Dunkin Donuts on Rockingham Road.

**Thursday - July 23**  
**4:22 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Apollo Road.

**11:47 a.m.** Missing Person investigated on Mammoth Road.

**12:31 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Market Basket on Michels Way.

**1:16 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Ledgewood Drive.

**2:20 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated at McDonald's on Nashua Road.

**4:37 p.m.** Warrant Served on Beech Hill Drive. Soher Morsi, 36, of Lon-

donderry charged with Disobeying an Officer; Resist Arrest/Detention; and Reckless Operation.  
**4:52 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Bunker Hill Drive.

**Friday - July 24**  
**6:23 a.m.** Radar Unit Deployment on Jack's Bridge Road.

**2:15 p.m.** Auto Theft investigated on Adams Road.

**2:28 p.m.** Missing Person report leads to an arrest on Whittemore Road.

**2:41 p.m.** Auto Theft investigated by four officers on Orchard View Drive at Shaw's

**3:09 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for an Overdose at MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**3:43 p.m.** Welfare Check leads to an arrest made

at NH Liquor Store on Michels Way. Three officers assist with charging Danielle Taraszuk, 48, of Litchfield with Endangering Welfare of a Child.

**8:04 p.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated by three officers on Happy Lane.

**8:45 p.m.** Warrant served and an arrest made by three officers on Royal Lane. Joseph Decosta, 45, of Londonderry, charged with Second Degree Assault (Criminal Mischief); Second Degree Assault (Serious bodily injury); First Degree Assault (Serious bodily injury); and First Degree Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

**Saturday - July 25**  
**12:48 a.m.** Citation Issued for Traffic Offenses on Rockingham Road at Seasons Lane.

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**10:10 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest made on Michels Way at Market Basket. Elvis Arron Stanley, 27, of Londonderry arrested on a Warrant.

**5:56 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Route 93. Tyler Kelley, Pearly, 23, of Hampstead arrested on a Warrant.

**7:53 p.m.** Peace restored after a Disturbance on King George Drive.

**9:09 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Shell Food Mart. Four officers assist with charging Zachary Daneault, 28, of Manchester with Theft

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**Sunday - July 26**

**4:38 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest on Royal Lane. Three officers assist with charging Ronald Pemberton, 49, of Londonderry with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault; Physical Contact).

**6:49 a.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Royal Lane.

**12:24 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Boyd Road.

**1:47 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on on Royal Lane.

**2:08 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Symmes Drive at Park and Ride North

**3:39 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Royal Lane.

**5:29 p.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Fieldstone Drive.

**6:56 p.m.** Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Charleston Avenue.

**9:55 p.m.** Welfare Check leads to an arrest made on Main Street. Four officers assist with charging Amanda Trubacz, 33, of Goffstown on two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

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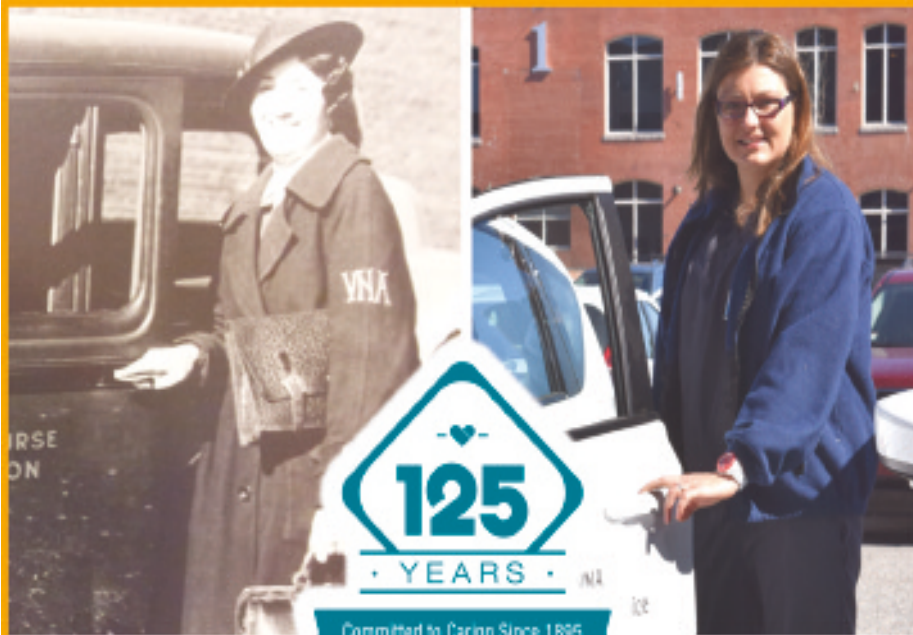
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