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Moving Forward Members of the group that plans on constructing a Butterfly Garden near the Town Forest go over plans with Andy Mack Sr. at his Farm Stand last week. Marge Marge Badois, center, explains where it will be located. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Conservation Commission Tackles a Number of Issues

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission met on Tuesday night, Aug. 11 and discussed a wide range of items during its videoconference meeting. During the discus-

sion about the update on Encroachment procedures, member Mike Noone told the Commission that the key points from the final draft of the amended document was to have a single point of contact, so that if there are any enforce-

ment issues from the Conservation Commission, members should contact Noone and he will contact Officer Glenn Aprile. He also noted that if anyone from the Town has any issues, they would con-

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Town Attorney Explains Conflict of Interest Rules

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry Council meeting on Monday, Aug. 17, the town's attorney Mike Ramsdell gave a long presentation on when board members are expected to recuse themselves from speaking on issues that they may have a conflict of interest in.

The attorney was brought to the meeting after newly elected councilor and Londonderry Times Publisher; Deb Paul disagreed with the idea that she should be excluded from any conversations regarding the School District and Old Home Day.

The letter she was

presented in July stated that because the school district runs ads with the paper and because the paper derives advertising for Old Home Day, she should recuse herself from all discussions on those subjects.

Paul contended that if she's not voting on something pertaining to either of the subject, she should be able to speak on them.

During Ramsdell's presentation he began by sighting a portion of the of state constitution, "It is essential to the preservation of the rights of every individual, his life, liberty, property and character that there be an impar-

tial interpretation of the laws and administration of justice. It is the right of every citizen to be tried by judges as impartial as the lot of humanity will admit."

He added, "It is the right to be governed and judged by public officials who recognize, appreciate and avoid conflicts of interest."

Ramsdell said that this rule applies to not just judges, but all public officials, even at the municipal level. He added, "A conflict of interest exists if an official has a direct interest in the outcome of a proceeding or any connection with the parties in interest as would be

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Elderly Housing Update Scheduled for Sept. 9

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board held a videoconference workshop meeting on Wednesday night, Aug. 12 and one of the items discussed was changes that are being made to the Elderly Housing Ordinance.

A few meeting back, Town Planner Colleen Mailloux informed the board that there was currently a bill working its way through the state house that would effect

the current Elderly Housing Ordinance, making it easier for developers to increase the density of sites. She said that it would open up some of the same advantages that the Workforce Housing Ordinance has.

At the last workshop on the subject, members of the Planning Board asked Mailloux to rework the existing ordinance to better protect the town from what may be a problem later on.

On Wednesday night,

the town's Associate Planner, Laura Gandia, explained to the board what some of the changes would be.

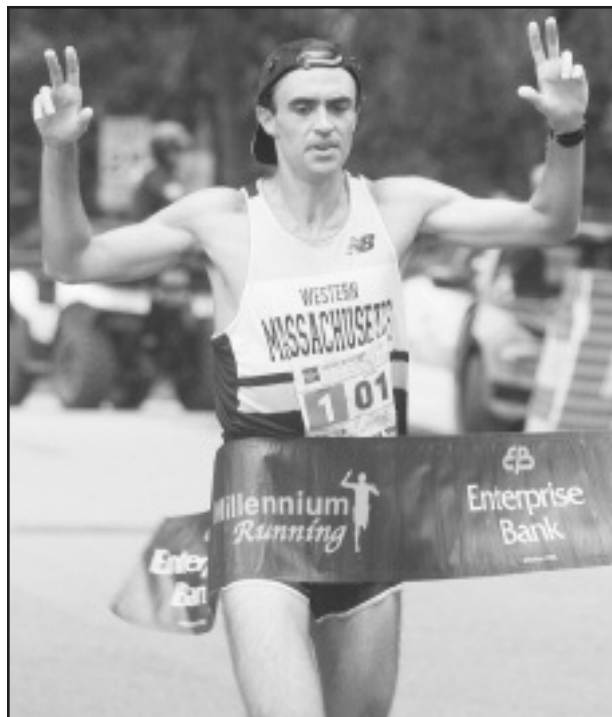
Gandia said that her and Mailloux looked at

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Over 400 Runners Cross Run in Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K Race



The overall winner of the event was Robert Desisto, 24, of Burlington Mass., with a time of 15:30. Photos by Chris Paul



Taryn Flagg, 36, of South Grafton, Mass. was the first female racer and crossed the finish line with a time of 19:47.7.



Alison and Paul Yankowskas are longtime Londonderry residents who participated in the festivities on Saturday afternoon.

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K race was held on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17 in Londonderry, as one of only two Old Home Day events. Out of the over 400 runners joining in, some from as far away as Washington state, just over 40 were from Londonderry.

The race was organized by John Mortimer

and Millennium Running, has been run in Londonderry since 2015, and took the place of the long-standing Lungren 5K last year. After the race participants also enjoyed a Brewfest and a country music concert. The 5K started and ended at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (LAFA).

The Lungren 5K race had been held on Saturday mornings for nearly four decades dur-

ing Old Home Day.

The race was held with each runner being separated at the starting line and sent off at 30-second intervals due to the COVID-19 social-distancing mandate.

The overall winner of the event was Robert Desisto, 24, of Burlington Mass., with a time of 15:30.

Evan Thornton-Sherman, 16, of Waterford Vermont was the second place finisher with a time of 16:04.7; Mark McDermott, 36, of Boston, Mass. took third place with a time of

16:52.2.

The first female racer was Taryn Flagg, 36, of South Grafton, Mass. Flagg crossed the finish line with a time of 19:47.7. Emily Larson, 36, of Norfolk, Mass. took second place for the ladies at 20:29.0. Natalie Obsuth, 25, of Medford, Mass. finished at 20:35 to grab third place in the women's division.

Other top 10 men finishers were: Corey Girard, 38, of Pembroke 16:56.0; Mark Rabasco, 25, Pittsfield, Mass., 17:16.3; Dan Futrell, 37,

Chicago, IL. 17:27.9; Jason Cakouros 55, Milton, Mass. 17:33.2; Mark Laprade, 47, Bedford 17:54.1; Jim Angell, 56, Hopkinton, 18:30.7; and Justin Renz, 48, Milton, Mass., 18:47.9.

Other top female finishers were: Catie Keenan, 27, York, Maine, 21:12.5; Krystal Besette, 32, Auburn, 21:41.5; Jamie Reidy, 14, Bedford, 22:12.7; Tracy Pogal-Sussman, 37, Somerville, Mass., 22:13.1; Gabrielle Page, 17, Londonderry, 22:31.4; Kate McWeeney, 42, Nashua, 22:49.9; and Roxane Gagnon, 51, Manchester, 23:13.2

The top 25 Overall Londonderry finishers were: Bradley Maher, 48, 21:41.8; Russ Lagueux, 59, 21:53.3; Gabrielle

Page, 17, 22:31.4; Kevin Smith, 43, 22:45.2; Tommy Martin, 14, 22:50.3; Katie Kraft, 15, 23:34.8; Maura O'Shaughnessy, 16, 23:43.3; Katharine Chagnon, 38, 24:49.4; Kate Von Pichl, 48, 25:00.9; Chase Von Pichl, 11, 25:16.3; Bridget Combes, 30, 25:34.8; Michael Bacotti Jr., 9, 25:41.9; Michael Peet, 37, 25:44.5; Adam Odachowski, 37, 25:51.7; Joe Carroll, 71, 25:59.2; Mason Bacotti, 8, 26:54.7; Heather McLeod, 26, 27:07.6; Karen Martin, 47, 27:44.7; Nora Maher, 13, 27:53.5; David Rich, 44, 28:50; Michael Bacotti, 41, 29:01.0; John Loker, 77, 29:03.4; Teddi O'Loughlin, 40, 29:35; Jim Martin, 46, 29:38.4; and Randy Williams, 45, 29:41.5.

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likely, improperly to influence his or her judgment."

He then referred to the Town Charter, Section 6.2, Conflicts of Interest, "Any elected or appointed officer or employee of the town who has a financial interest direct or indirect in any planned or existing contract, job, work or service to be performed by the town or voluntary sale to the town of any land, materials, supplies, equipment or other properties shall make full disclosure of such interest to the Council and Manager prior to towns deliberating on any such matter or transaction."

He also referenced section 6.3: "No elected or appointed officer or employee of the town, shall take part in a decision concerning the business of the town in which that officer or employee, or a member of his or her family directly or indirectly has a financial or other gainful interest which may effect his or her vote in favor of or against that business, aside from his or her salary, as such officer or employee greater than any other citizen or taxpayer."

He also went on to quote a number of items in the municipal codes that refer to conflicts of interest.

He warned that there are consequences to the town if a councilor fails to recuse themselves in a conflict of interest situation.

He then went on to say to Paul, "It is my understanding, that the School District pays the newspaper you publish, and whose content you control, the school district pays your newspaper to publish all its public notices. So your newspaper gets paid every time a public meeting or hearing is published by the School District." He also added, "It wasn't quite as obvious to me if there was a financial connection between your business and Old Home Days, so I reviewed last year's paper just before Old Home Days, and the financial connection became obvious when I did that."

Ramsdell showed several slides of advertisers in the paper for that week saying that 13 of them referred to the Old Home Days celebration.

He went on to various quoted items that basically stated, "Journalists have no business in playing field of politics."

Ramsdell then finished with, "You should recuse yourself in all such matters and you should disclose the basis of your recusal. The School District and Old Home Days are two prime examples."

Paul's first response to the dissertation was to correct Ramsdell's statement that she is a journalist, "I am not a Journalist, I did not go to school for journalism, I do not write the stories in the paper. I am a Publisher." She pointed out that in the short time she has been a councilor, she recused herself when she felt there was a conflict. Pointing out a recent vote concerning S&S Metals, a year-long advertiser. She also stated that the school is a separate government with a separate charter and said she does not vote on anything regarding them, and felt that as a citizen she has the right to speak as a citizen. She added that she spoke with a representative from the Institute of Free Speech in Washington D.C. and he confirmed that belief.

She also discussed the situation with a lawyer at the New Hampshire Municipal Association who had a different interpretation on the matter.

She argued that the

paper covers "the town" and Old Home Day is news to be shared with the public. "We write many stories about what's going on, that's what a newspaper does."

She also told the attorney that she did not vote on anything pertaining to Old Home Day, and the only thing she had commented on, in reference to the school, was in regard to the drought. She suggested the Town Manager contact them about

field watering.

Paul also stated how troubling it has been since she was elected, saying that she is being singled out at every meeting for one thing or another, and no one else has ever been held to the same standards.

Ramsdell then seemed to get angry with Paul, and referred to page four in the paper, where it states that the publisher has control of what goes into it.

Ramsdell also took

exception to the fact that when she was running for office, she never addressed the notion the she would have conflicts of interest.

He also said that he does not want to end up in litigation because she refuses to recognize any conflicts of interest.

To that, Paul protested that the council hasn't voted on anything of any real substance since she's been on the board.

State Board Adopts New Learn Everywhere Rules

Innovative program will give students alternative path to graduation credits

The State Board of Education voted 4-2 this morning to grant final approval to the Learn Everywhere program, which is designed to expand options for New Hampshire high school students to earn credit toward graduation.

"Since the Legislature directed the Department of Education to develop an alternative path for students to earn credit toward graduation, we have been working to make it happen,"

said Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. "Today's vote is the final step in making Learn Everywhere a reality for students and families of New Hampshire."

"Learn Everywhere opens exciting opportunities for New Hampshire students to get high school credit for innovative alternative education programs offered outside of the traditional public school infrastructure. Empowering our non-profits

and businesses to create alternative programs in cooperation with and approved by the state will greatly enrich our public education experience," added State Board Chair Andrew Cline.

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Editorial

Reputation Or Character, Which One Is More Important?

Personally, I feel character is more important than reputation, because your character is who you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think or say you are.

Beware of the trap of thinking that your success is defined by your reputation. Your character is far more important in defining your success than your reputation ever will be. Character, principles and values define whom you really are, regardless of where you are in life. Your reputation, on the other hand, is nothing more than what some people think you are. If you have strong and good character your reputation will take care of itself.

Your consistent honorable behavior will prove a great benefit and even insulting remarks made about you will become meaningless because people will be hesitant to believe them. There are plenty of people who have a stellar reputation and yet lack character, and the opposite is true as well.

You build and control your own character; it becomes your more authentic self. Aiming solely at reputation is weakness. Reputation is how others perceive you. To be more concerned about your reputation means you care more about the public's opinion of you

rather than your character and your integrity. Reputation can be destroyed in an instant. Character on the other hand is forever. Your true character is revealed when no one else is looking and in stressful situations.

Being true to yourself is when you find your character being severely tested, by living up to your responsibilities, doing things because they're right, not because it makes you look good. Be true to yourself – don't let yourself be defined by others.

Although, I believe character is more important than reputation having a good reputation is also positive. Much of the time people may not really know us and base their judgment of us merely on reputation. This form of judgment can't be avoided that's why some people place such importance on building up a good reputation. That representation may be a false image of who they really are.

Having a good reputation may be a wonderful way to open doors, but only with good character will you be able to keep the doors open. Phonies and con artists are soon found out and then usually ushered out. To quote Joan Jet "I don't give a damn 'bout my reputation". I give a damn about doing the right thing.

Letters

Response to Mr. Underwood

To the editor

I am glad to see a few clueless Democrats, taking the time to write letters against my positions which they have no clue on. They talk about days of extreme partisan but if they checked my record, they would see I worked hand in hand with Reps Katherine Rogers, Remy Cushing, two of the biggest progressives at the state house. We worked together in fixing the Elderly laws, one to protect seniors from scams and another bill, stopping property owners' late fees for not have their lot rents in on the 1st of the month because they don't receive their social security checks until the 3rd or later. Every Veteran bill I sponsored/cosponsored had Democrats on the bill. So, I would appreciate, when these few Democrats attack me, at least do your homework.

Mr. Underwood, who is not a Trump supporter brought up about me not wearing a mask at a Defend the Police rally. Now, I can understand some Democrats trying to find fault in Londonderry residents supporting our Police. Because if you supported Black Lives Matter protest, they want to defund the

Police, so I see why they made an issue of me not wearing a mask. I would of indulge them if asked and told them because of the Virus, my operation on my throat was cancel and rescheduled Aug. 4 to remove polyps on both side of my voice box, which was blocking my throat, along with other medical issues. So, I do not always wear a mask and when I do it is for a short time.

Mr. Underwood writes about the Fake News, never verified, and the Intelligence Director said there was no proof that Russians are paying bounty money to kill Veterans. Once again because, Democrats are blinded with their hate for President Trump, they grab on to anything they can to use against the President or me. Ronald Reagan once said, "Trust but Verify."

I would challenge Mr. Underwood, show me where the gun problem is in NH? Democrats want us to fix something that is not broken. Maybe, if Mr. Underwood only knew, NH is one of the safest states in the country to raise a family. Please, tell the truth on gun background checks! Every person who buys a gun in NH, must have a background check done, even if you buy it at a gun show, unless you know the person. Please read NH

laws, we do not have gun violence like the killings of black on black shootings in other states, looting, riots that you Democrats are silent on, so stop watching TV.

Thank you for your service, I too are concerned with Veterans suicide, that's why we passed "One Stop Shop" for Veterans to get help and President Trump has pushed to put in millions of dollars into veterans mental health programs to deal with PTSD/Traumatic Brain Injuries.

I ask for your, Vote Sept. 8 Primary!

Representative
Al Baldasaro
Republican Floor
Leader

Trump 2020 Veterans
Coalition Advisor
Londonderry

Support Dave Lundgren

To the editor

I am writing to support Dave Lundgren for state representative. I have known Dave for 15 plus years. He has done a great job for our town and our state. He is a small business owner, who started his business in Londonderry. The issues and problems that can arise when taxes and legislative directives have an adverse effect on the profitability of these small businesses is

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Correction: The Aug. 6 article on Republican Candidates for State Representative in the Primary - Sherman Packard - Incumbent experiences should have read: For example, 12 years as Chair of the Transportation Committee, three years as Vice Chair of Legislative Administration, two years as House Republican Leader, two years as Senior Assistant Republican Leader, three years Speaker Pro Tempore, and 1 year Deputy Speaker.

Letters

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something he has experienced and has fought against. He's been able to successfully run his business and honor his commitment in Concord to the town in Londonderry. He has also worked extensively with the Veterans Organiza-

tion and the Liberty House in Manchester. He proposed an option to help reduce the opioid crisis and won support from the VA when he presented it to them in Washington DC. He is looking to bring that option to the state legislature in the next term. I am voting for Dave and urge you to the same.

He's what we need for our town.

Cris Navarro
Londonderry

Listen to the People

To the editor,
Don't be worried about citizens exercising their Constitutional rights. Law abiding

Granite Stater's aren't shooting up the place since conceal/carry was approved. That's just another election time fear tactic. Instead, be worried about getting snuffed out by a distracted driver. Forget about feeling safe while driving around town. Speeding, stop signs and red lights are all optional now it seems.

Listen to the people of Londonderry and what effects our lives the most. It's not the fear of the 2nd Amendment. Go after real issues in our community like public safety, senior care, drug addiction, affordable housing, etc.

And finally, stop flaunting your military service. A lot of us served in wars and have moved on to become citizens again. I for one don't want to be led by another Drill Sergeant. Don't let nostalgia define you, what you used to be isn't what we vote for. We need leaders who are current and can help us improve our community and quality of life.

Rob Underwood
Londonderry

A Sad Oversight

To the editor,
The voters in town should be made aware of a very unfortunate oversight that resulted in the NH Secretary of State determining one of

the Republican candidates for State Representative to be ineligible. As a result, the SOS has taken Moira Ryan off the ballot. Our regrets and best wishes go out to Ms. Ryan and hope she will consider public service in the future. New primary ballots are being printed and should have been delivered to the Town Clerk as of this printing. The new ballots will contain the names of the following State Representative candidates in order: Doug Thomas, Al Baldasaro, Tom Dolan, Dave Lundgren, Wayne MacDonald, Betsy McKinney, and Sherman Packard.

Liz Thomas
LRC Chair
londonderry

Vote to Re-Elect Tom Dolan

To the editor,
I write this letter to urge you to re-elect Tom Dolan as one of our state representatives. I have observed Tom as he serves on the Town Council as well as his first term as a state rep. He has been readily accessible and even answers emails and letters!
Mr. Dolan has recently risen to a leadership position at the state house as the ranking member on the Municipal and County Government Committee. I

couldn't think of a better role for him with his extensive experience at the Londonderry municipal level. I also took notice of the special interest he has in working to solve the opioid crises still prevalent in our state.

As a veteran, Mr. Dolan has also been supportive of veteran's benefits to demonstrate our appreciation and honor for their service. Please join me to help return Tom Dolan to the state house for a second term this November.

Thank you,
Joan Loker
Londonderry NH

A Great Job for Our Military and Veterans

To the editor,
I have seen several posts saying what a great job President Trump is doing for our military and veterans. I would like to challenge that assertion. I am simply asking does the Administration's performance backs up this claim.

Does the President respect and honor our heroes, our fallen, our veterans, and our military families? I think not. Do you think that Senator John Mc Cain was not a war hero because he got captured? that General Mattis is the "worlds most overrated

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Crash Landing

Children at the Londonderry YMCA Summer Camp got a surprise visit from the Londonderry Fire Department last week. Campers had a project to build devices to keep eggs from breaking when dropped, but they didn't know they would be dropped from a ladder truck.

Photo by Jessica Paul

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general"? Is criticizing the family of Capt. Humayun Khan and telling the widow of Sgt. La David Johnson a "he knew what he was getting into" what a compassionate Commander in Chief would do?

Is the President doing a great job for our military when his Education Department eliminated protections and quality controls that precluded predatory diploma mills from targeting veterans? Is it necessary for 100% disabled veterans to have to fight to get their student loan forgiven as authorized by law? Is it great for our veterans that Medicaid is being cut back when approxi-

mately 1.7 million veterans receive their health care this way or that Medicare is being cut back when more than half of all veterans rely on this coverage as their primary or supplemental insurance?

Consider the Veterans Affairs Department. Do we think that giving his non-veteran Mar-a-Lago friends great influence over the VA's daily contracting and policy decisions was a good idea? Or that their push for privatization of all VA services is in the best interest of veterans? We will hear of the President's budget increases to reduce homelessness, but not that it is slashing funding rental assistance programs that reduce Veteran Homelessness.

Consider too that during the COVID 19 pandemic, he used the West Point graduating class as a prop for a Presidential Speech. That among the 5.5 million cases and over 170 thousand deaths so far in this epidemic, are over 49 thousand cases and over 2,400 deaths at VA facilities.

Finally, we come to the Russian Bounty on our Troops. A Military Times quote on July 1st says it better than I ever could. "I don't think he cares about troops at all," said Shawn LeMond, a Navy veteran who served his country in the Middle East and then his state of North Carolina as a Republican legislator. "If he didn't know about Russia, it's because he didn't do his

damn homework. And that's despicable."

What does Joe Biden have to offer? The four pillars of his Plan for Veterans are providing health care that meets veterans' specific needs, working toward eliminating veteran homelessness and bringing down suicide rates among veterans, creating job and education opportunities for veterans and improving management and accountability at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Ask veterans and military families if the Bidens care. I think you will like the answers you get.

James Green
Londonderry

Consider for Your Vote

To the editor,
I am requesting your vote on Sept. 8 in the Pri-

mary as the GOP Delegate for Londonderry. I have been a delegate to the state GOP since 2006 in Cheshire County and Rockingham County.

I am also honored to represent all NH Republicans as one of the 4 NH Electors for President Trump.

I have worked side-by-side with my husband State Representative Al Baldasaro in supporting President Trump since he declared his candidacy in 2015.

I continue to work spreading the word about what President Trump and my husband Representative Baldasaro have done for New Hampshire residents.

Representative Baldasaro is available to all Londonderry residents 24/7 to assist them in their needs, such as coming to assistance of veterans and widows in getting their health benefits resolved at the VA, bringing veterans to the hospital when they are unable to drive.

He also contacted the state of New Hampshire to expedite the traffic light at North school and worked with the state to resolve the flooding on Mammoth Road in North Londonderry and he also made it possible for the town to acquire generators for the shelters.

He has also assisted individuals with financial needs by connecting them with the resources that would help them and even giving them references in their job applications.

Representative Baldasaro has never asked if the person asking for

help is a Republican. He has always supported anyone in need regardless of their party affiliation.

Representative Baldasaro has a huge heart for those who are suffering and he welcomes anyone to call him to answer any questions they may have. His address and phone are publicly available at www.albaldasaro.com

Again I thank you for your consideration and request that I can earn your vote as your Delegate on Sept 8.

Thank you
Judy Baldasaro
Londonderry

Allow me to Serve You Again

To the editor,
I have had the honor of serving as the Rockingham County Sheriff since being sworn in after the 2018 election. I am seeking your support again as I am kicking off my campaign for re-election as Sheriff for Rockingham County.

When I ran for Sheriff, I campaigned on expanding our drug task force and preparing our communities to respond to and prevent Active shooter incidents as well as other threats in our schools, businesses and neighborhoods.

I am passionate about getting these dangerous drugs off the streets that affect our families, friends and children. I also understand the need for rehabilitation for those seeking help.

We have enhanced our drug task force by

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the existing Elderly Housing Ordinance that's combined with the Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility, and they removed any reference to Elderly Housing and tweaked what is currently required for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.

One addition was made to Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities stating that both would need to be services by municipal sewer and water.

She showed members a map of where sewer and water is currently available.

Gandia also said there was a concern that wherever there is elderly housing, there is the potential of Workforce Housing, and by removing the Elderly Housing aspect; it lessens the chance of Workforce Housing. She added that the Workforce Housing Ordinance was not altered for this.

Member Chris Davies wanted clarification for the changes, and Chairman Art Rugg explained that these are revisions to an ordinance that was written up a number of years back, that is not currently doing what it was intended to. The 55-Plus communities in town are being priced much higher than expected, and most peo-

ple in town can't afford to move out of their homes into those areas.

Rugg also brought up the fact that the bill working its way through the state house that would allow Workforce Housing wherever Elderly Housing is allowed, died in the senate, but he thought it would surely be brought up again in January.

Town Council liaison Deb Paul had concerns still on where the locations were that potential developments could be built. The map showed large area around the north part of town where high-density housing has recently been built. She thought that those areas are already experiencing

high traffic volume and cautioned to board to be mindful of that.

She thought that more walkable areas near 102 and the Post Office would be better spot for anymore high-density developments.

Ann Chiampa wanted to amend the density of the developments saying that Londonderry lacks facilities that have stages of care to their residents. She also agreed that the area in town where more facilities could be built is already overburdened.

She also thought that the Elderly Housing could be steered toward multi-Family areas.

The board then voted to continue the discussion with a Public Hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

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Planning Board Hears Restaurant Expansion Plans

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry Planning Board meeting, that was held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic on Wednesday, Aug. 12, members held a conceptual discussion on the expansions plans of Renegade's Pub, a restaurant along Nashua Road.

Greg Ryan, of Hampstead, presented the plan to the board that evening, and started by showing the board a rough sketch of what was being proposed.

Ryan explained that the restaurant is looking to expand near where they currently have a 30x50' tent. That tent is costing an exorbitant amount of money, and the reason they are before the Planning Board is because they want to create a larger patio area, and cover it

with a permanent a wooden, post and beam structure.

Ryan said that he had met with Building Department personnel, and Brian Johnson from the Fire Department. He added that Johnson was very supportive, saying that the structure they are looking to erect would be much safer than what currently exists. He also mentioned that the space they are looking to expand into is not well utilized currently.

Ryan also expressed a concern with the idea that the COVID-19 problems are not going away soon, and people are a lot more comfortable being outside. He also added that this plan would help keep people employed and would allow residents to have a nice place to dine out. He explained that he didn't think the project would take long to con-

struct, and they would install heaters and plastic curtains for when temperatures fall.

Chairman Art Rugg asked if the expansion would result in lost parking spaces, and Ryan said it would not.

Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering, John Trottier, was on the phone for the meeting and told members that the current number of parking spaces on that site do not meet current codes. The building would require more than twice as many spaces if the plan moves forward. He also added that many of the areas being used as parking spaces are actually along the state right-of-way.

Trottier also warned that the area along Meadow Drive would require a better curb-cut, as currently there isn't one, and people are parking wherever they

want. He also explained that a number of waivers would be required to allow the expansion as well as Zoning Board variances.

It was also brought up that some sort of Joint Agreement with the neighbors to the southwest would need to be established in order to create more

spaces.

Member Chris Davies told Ryan that the proposal would obviously trigger an updated site plan, which would in turn cost the business money.

Member Ann Champa was concerned with the safety of those dining so close to the roadway.

Members Roger Fillio and Jake Butler both felt that parking would be a major issue for the board to approve the plan.

Ryan left with the idea that a lot had to be done in order move forward with his plans, the main things being parking and safety.

Candidate Removed From Republican Primary Ballot

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the State Primary nears, one Republican candidate for a seat as a State Representative had to be removed by the Secretary of State.

It was recently brought to the attention of the New Hampshire Secretary of State, Bill Garner that Moira Ryan was not eligible for a spot to run as a republican and was removed from the ballot.

According to Gardner, "Ms. Ryan voted in the presidential primary as a democrat and never changes her political

affiliation to republican when she put her name in to run for State Rep."

Gardner added, "One may think this does not happen very often, but you would be wrong." according to Gardner it is quite a common error.

New State Primary ballots will now have to be printed and delivered to the Londonderry Town Clerk, those who have already received ballots will need to get new ones.

This error now means

that the Republicans State Representative seat is not contested, and all those on the ballot will advance to the General Election.

Those candidates are: Al Baldasaro, Tom Dolan, Dave Lundgren, Wayne MacDonald, Betsy McKinney, Sherman Packard and Doug Thomas.

They will run against Democrats: Ted Combs, Mack Leathurby, Luisa Piette, Paul Skudlarek, Robin Skudlarek, Martha Smith and Anne Warner.

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Leadership Londonderry Graduates Class of 2020 Looks for New Class



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leadership Londonderry program held a graduation ceremony last week on the grounds of the Londonderry Historical Society. The night included a few words of congratulations from Town Council Chair,

John Farrell, Town Manager, Kevin Smith and School Board Chair, Mike Saucier, as well as a boxed dinner.

This year's graduates were: Dave Armstrong, Kristie Bates, Rachel Behrens, Susan Brown, Mary Butow, Nick Corro, Jocelyn Demas, Mitch Fleg, Chad Franz,

Jonathan Lippo, Irene Macarelli, John Mahon, Marianna O'Connor, Paul Paddle, Kristine Perez, Breanne Piazik and Meredith Pizzi.

Although the COVID-19 Pandemic delayed much of the efforts of this year's class, organizers Pollyann Winslow and Mark Ozwald con-



gratulated the class and encouraged them to pursue some of the open spot on some of the many town boards available.

The Leadership Londonderry program is currently accepting applications for the town and school government informational training program.

Sessions will begin in September, and the program will run through May of 2021. Participants will be involved in one class per month, which will be held on the second Thursday of each month from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall and other locations around the town with dinner being provided. The program is open to any Londonderry resident.

The application period has been extended this year, because of the pandemic, to Aug. 28. The group is looking to



Pictured in top photos: Kevin Smith and John Farrell address the class. Above, Graduate Paul Paddle enjoys dessert. Photos by Chris Paul

have about 12 participants, and they are currently at only six.

For more information, contact Pollyann Winslow at 858-6696 or the town website at www.londonderrynh.org. Lisa Drabik by email at ldrabik@londonderrynh.org. There is a \$50 program fee.

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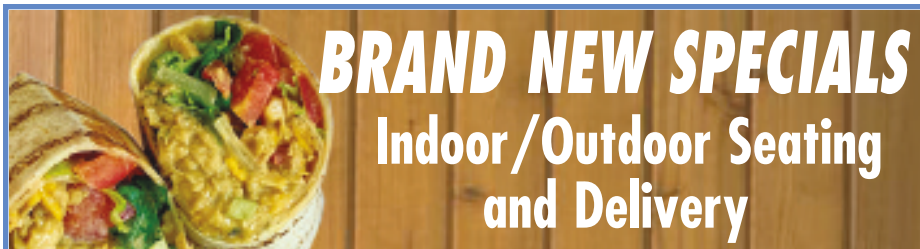
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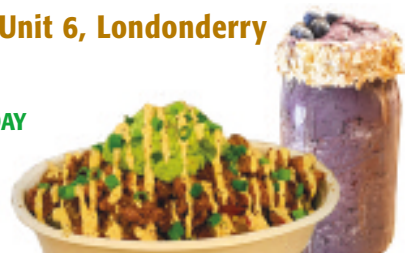


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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Former Basketball Players Reflect on the Impact of Coach Fagula

KELSEY DERHAK
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Long-time Londonderry Girls Basketball Coach, John Fagula, recently passed away at the age of 73.

Coach Fagula, as he was known to so many athletes around New Hampshire, was the coach at Nashua before his stead as Londonderry's coach. It was at Nashua where he won 11 Class L State Championships and earned the spot as USA Today's No. 1 team in the country in 1987. Fagula coached at Londonderry for 12 years and was able to clinch a State Championship in 2014, in a nail biting victory over Bedford 57-56, which would be his last game before retiring. However, Coach Fagula was not only known for his success on the basketball court but also the impact he was able to have on the players long after they retired their high school jersey's.

Perhaps one of his greatest achievements was not just what the wins-losses columns had to say over a life-time of dedication to coaching young women but what those women had to say about their high school basketball coach long



Aliza Simpson is congratulated by Coach Fagula on a State Championship in his final season as a coach with Londonderry in 2014.

after they graduated. "Toughness, he taught me a lot of things, a lot of skills, a lot of life lessons, but when it comes down to it, he made me tough," said Stefanie Murphy, who played for Coach Fagula from the 2003-2004 to the 2007-2008 season before heading off to play Division 1 at Boston College. Murphy who also played professionally for four seasons overseas recalls that "thanks to our time

together in LHS, I feel as though I was able to handle constructive criticism, the casual raising of a voice, and the overall pressure to be great even when it wasn't easy," and also adds, "If I didn't have Coach Fagula's voice in my head basically every step of the way, I'm not sure I would have been able to be as successful."

Not only did Coach Fagula want his players



Coach John Fagula at courtside during his State Championship win in his final season as a coach with LHS in 2014. Photos by Chris Paul

to be successful on the court he wanted to make sure they were successful as people as well, "the first thing that comes to mind is how much he cared for his players, he loved coaching women and always wanted to make sure everyone was doing okay," says Aliza Simpson. Simpson, who

played for Coach Fagula all four years on varsity, was a key member of the 2014 Championship team her senior year before heading off to UNH to continue her basketball career at the Division 1 level.

Jordan Maret, another key member of the 2014 Championship team also recalls that

Fagula "was the heart of the team and he built a community."

Fagula, mostly known for keeping it "all business," Murphy commented, also liked to show how much he cared for his athletes. Murphy noted that there were "some fun Saturday morning practices, where it would be so cold during winter break after a tough Friday game and he would walk in with a box of donuts for us." Simpson can also attest to this and said, "He loved to poke fun and he had a fun silly side to him."

Murphy also recalls not only all that he helped her with on the court but his philosophies of buffet dining as well, remembering Fagula preaching "don't fill your plate until you take a lap, don't want to waste any plate space!"

Although the record books might have earned him a spot in the New Hampshire Basketball Hall of Fame, he earned a spot in his player's memories as a "very humble, caring person who affected a lot of young girls' lives," says Simpson.

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tact Aprile, who would then report back to Noone. This would help in keeping from multiple people being contacted about the same issues.

Noone added that there will also be an encroachment log, so it will be tracked in a spreadsheet.

That discussion led into comments by Officer Aprile telling the Commission about how he and members of Fish & Game have had a number of ATV violations in the Musquash area. The ATVs are coming in through the airport area behind the new F.W. Webb building, and they encountered two motor-

cycles and two ATVs. Aprile said that they are citing the drivers, and most are not registered. The fine for the infraction is \$248 and another 248 if the ATV is not registered.

He also told the commission about an incident along Gilcreast Road where a young driver was being asked to stop by police near the Apple Orchard, he tried to avoid the officer and crashed into a tree. Aprile said the parent showed up and reprimanded his son. Aprile added, "There is not a night that goes by where something doesn't happen with ATVs. It's crazy."

Chairperson Marge Badois then mentioned the Commission never

had the annual Scobie Pond Paddle Day and asked if members had any thoughts on whether to hold it this year. Mike Byerly commented that it could be done if people brought their own kayaks, but added that he thought it would be hard during the current situation with cleaning the kayaks that are loaned out. So, the commission decided against having the event this year.

Byerly then told fellow members that he would like to organize volunteers to update the blazing in the Musquash in the fall. He said that historically the Commission had different colors for different trails, but asked if they would be willing to go

with white blazes on all the trails. He said they would be running out of printed maps soon, so the update to the colors would be reflected in the new maps, but did not feel that they need to be color coded as the Musquash is well labeled with signage.

Noone commented that if all blazes are white everywhere, would this help someone who was lost if all the blazes are white. Bob Maxwell remarked that he does not believe that white blazes would be a problem with all the signage people should be able to figure out where they are. Mike Speltz mentioned that it is not very far on most sections of most trails to an

intersection that is marked. The consensus of the Commission was white blazes would be fine. Byerly said he would start coordinating this for sometime in October.

Also at the meeting, Badois read a letter from Deanna Mele into the record at Mele's request.

The letter read, "Please accept the island property as a donation from the Robie Trust, I would like it accepted only because I would like it to stay as what the Conservation Commission has suggested to name it, the Robie Trust Natural Area. I feel natural area means, leave it as it is, untouched by man. I am, and always

have been concerned about animals in the land, I feel we have taken so much away from nature and it's time to give back. Leave the animals, birds etc. be as they were intended to be, not as we think they should be. Please protect this natural area so that it remains untouched in the future and for years to come."

Speltz said that he worked with Mike Malaguti, the Town Solicitor, on a draft of the deed and it calls it the Robie Animal Habitat. He stated that he does not believe it has been finalized and the Commission could advocate for the name change, of Robie Trust Natural Area.

Assessing Next Financial Steps When Coronavirus Relief Programs End

As the government debates additional aid for Americans impacted by the pandemic, many of the initial relief programs have expired or will do so in the coming weeks, leaving many people seeking additional solutions to stay afloat.

"While the government may approve new aid, it's impossible to say what form it will

take or how long it will last," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. "That's why it's critical to know your options beyond government assistance and prepare for the day when that relief runs out."

Sullivan offers the

following tips:

- Stay on unemployment: Regardless of what the feds do, keep filing unemployment claims if you're eligible. This way, you'll receive whatever amount your state pays, and you'll remain eligible for any potential retroactive or new changes made at the federal level.

- Whittle your budget: Zero in on necessities

such as rent/mortgage, food, transportation and insurance, while eliminating as many non-essential items as you can to free up cash for payments.

- Dip into your emergency savings: If you've been able to hold off from using emergency savings, now is the time to use it. But dip in slowly, especially if you anticipate an extended cash crunch. Focus on paying for essentials like rent/mortgage and covering the power and water bills.

- Seek alternative assistance: Explore other assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which could free up funds for other bills. Also, research possible aid through your city or community, as well as food banks or nonprofit agencies that provide assistance to those in need.

• Ask for more help: Even as federal and state mandates on forbearance, evictions, shutoffs and other actions expire, creditors, lenders, landlords and utilities may still be open to additional hardship help. Ask about possible payment plans or partial payments until your situation

improves.

- Consider a retirement withdrawal: Under the CARES Act, you can withdraw up to \$100,000 from your retirement savings without an early withdrawal penalty. This may be an option if you're really strapped for cash, but it is risky. You will have to pay back whatever you withdraw within three years or pay income tax on it.

For additional resources and solutions related to expiring coronavirus relief programs, visit takechargeamerica.org/coronavirus-financial-relief/.

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Latest DHHS COVID-19 Update from Aug. 17 Shows Drop

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19. On Monday, Aug. 17, DHHS announced 16 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 7,004 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults, with 25% being female and 75% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (6), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (3), Merrimack (2), and Cheshire (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (3) and Nashua (1). One new hospitalized case was identified for a total of 709 (10%) of 7,004 cases. Four of the new cases had no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or have recently traveled.

DHHS has no additional deaths to report.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated Aug. 17, 9 a.m.)

NH Persons with COVID-19: 7,004
Recovered: 6,302 (90%)

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19: 423 (6%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases: 279

Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19: 709 (10%)
Current Hospitalizations: 15

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR): 185,971

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests: 28,699

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL: 40,124

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL: 917

Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time): 2,475

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests

NH Public Health Laboratories:

Aug. 10: 306
Aug. 11: 207
Aug. 12: 932
Aug. 13: 695
Aug. 14: 767
Aug. 15: 1
Aug. 16: 563
Daily Average: 496

LabCorp

Aug. 10: 382
Aug. 11: 558
Aug. 12: 898
Aug. 13: 679
Aug. 14: 877
Aug. 15: 449
Aug. 16: 503
Daily Average: 621

Quest Diagnostics

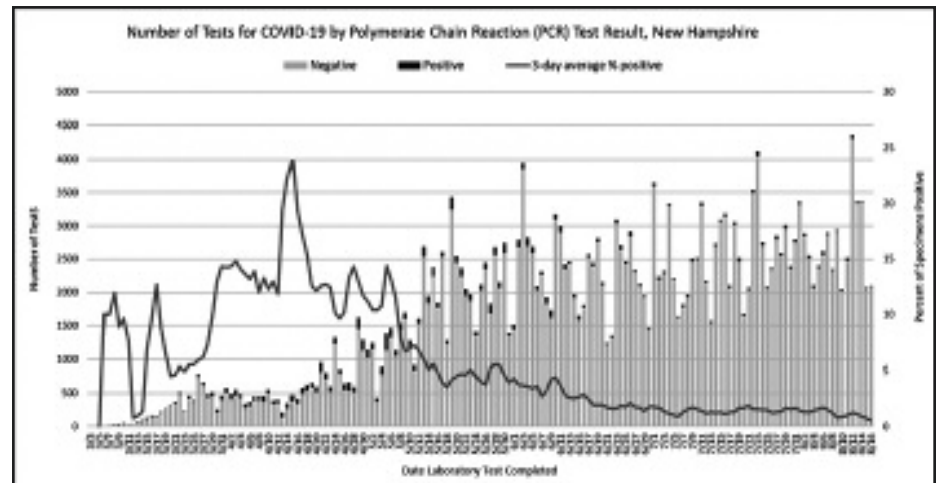
Aug. 10: 833
Aug. 11: 876
Aug. 12: 1,568
Aug. 13: 1,080
Aug. 14: 954
Aug. 15: 911
Aug. 16: 369
Daily Average: 942

Mako Medical

Aug. 10: 1
Aug. 11: 2
Aug. 12: 11
Aug. 13: 29
Aug. 14: 9
Aug. 15: 35
Aug. 16: 3
Daily Average: 13

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Aug. 10: 302
Aug. 11: 250
Aug. 12: 689
Aug. 13: 690
Aug. 14: 544
Aug. 15: 522
Aug. 16: 345
Daily Average: 477



Other NH Hospital Laboratory

Aug. 10: 158
Aug. 11: 225
Aug. 12: 155
Aug. 13: 136
Aug. 14: 179
Aug. 15: 124
Aug. 16: 142
Daily Average: 60

Other Laboratory*

Aug. 10: 58
Aug. 11: 397
Aug. 12: 107
Aug. 13: 57
Aug. 14: 30
Aug. 15: 22
Aug. 16: 164
Daily Average: 119

Total

Aug. 10: 2,040
Aug. 11: 2,515
Aug. 12: 4,360
Aug. 13: 3,366
Aug. 14: 3,360
Aug. 15: 2,064
Aug. 16: 2,089
Daily Average: 2,828

Antibody Laboratory Tests

LabCorp

Aug. 10: 4
Aug. 11: 21
Aug. 12: 23
Aug. 13: 23
Aug. 14: 11
Aug. 15: 15
Aug. 16: 3
Daily Average: 14

Quest Diagnostics

Aug. 10: 38
Aug. 11: 48
Aug. 12: 131
Aug. 13: 92
Aug. 14: 76
Aug. 15: 67
Aug. 16: 13
Daily Average: 66

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Aug. 10: 12
Aug. 11: 16
Aug. 12: 12
Aug. 13: 12

Aug. 14: 21
Aug. 15: 4
Aug. 16: 0
Daily Average: 11

Other Laboratory*

Aug. 10: 23
Aug. 11: 5
Aug. 12: 9
Aug. 13: 1
Aug. 14: 4
Aug. 15: 9
Aug. 16: 0
Daily Average: 7

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not listed in the above table.

NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive www.nh.gov/covid19/news/updates.htm. For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at www.nh.gov/covid19.

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Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online: Story & Craft for Parents and their children up to age 6. Join us at the Upper Room for a live interactive children's stories followed by a craft lesson that is easy and fun to do at home. Friday Aug. 21, at 10 - 11 a.m. - Fun with Stickers. Free live on Zoom. Facilitated by The Upper Room and Derry Public Library. Sign up at bit.ly/connectstorytime for free craft supplies and Zoom link. Email skoza@URteacher.org with questions.

Touch-A-Truck Event

Join members of Derry Police Department on Saturday, Aug. 29, for a "Helmet Drive-Thru Giveaway" at West Running Brook Middle School! Officers will be demonstrating how to properly fit a helmet as they handout "Bike Safety In-A-Bag" while families sit safely in their vehicle.

Please note your child must be present in order to receive a helmet. The event will run from 9 a.m. - noon unless helmets are gone before noon! In order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we ask that you please wear a mask when receiving the safety bag and helmet from the Officer. For the third year in a row, Derry Police Department has been awarded the NH Safe and Active Community Grant provided by the Injury Prevention Center at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Safe Kids New Hampshire made possible by the Kohl's Cares Helmet Safety Program. Each year Derry Police Department teams up with Derry Cooperative School Staff Members at the Town of Derry annual Touch-A-Truck event to fit children for their Free all-purpose helmet and handout bicycle safety gear and information. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, this year's Touch-A-Truck

event was cancelled. But we still have the helmets. Members of Derry Fire and Sparky the Fire Dog will also be making guest appearances talking about fire safety and handing out some goodies. Make sure to jump in line early. We have 230 helmets, but they will go fast. For questions please contact Officer Sullivan directly at erinsullivan@derrynh.org.

Open-Air Museum

Londonderry Historical Society announces an Open-Air Museum on Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Londonderry Historical Society, 140 Pillsbury Rd. It will feature a portion of our extensive collection of Londonderry memorabilia. We will also have an O'Shea pop-up shop with a select menu (hot and iced coffee and tea, pastries, bagels, and cream cheese). Masks required. Meeting dates are the 3rd Tuesday monthly at 6pm. The public is always welcome. The LHS is a non-profit 501

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On My Own Teen Series

Upper Room will host for the On My Own Series, Mindfulness: Yoga and Journaling. Enrollment includes a Free Mindfulness Journal with writing prompts. Wednesdays Aug. 26 and Sept. 2, 9 at 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom for Teens ages 13-18. Register at: bit.ly/onmyown-mindfulness (while supplies last)

Wason Pond Pounder

The Upper Room will host the Wason Pond Pounder on Saturday Oct. 3, in Chester. To learn more about this popular race and sign up at runreg.com/9057.

Roaring 20's Drive-In Auction

The Upper Room's 19th Annual Roaring 20's DRIVE-IN Auction NEW DATE AND TIME. Featuring Bill Burke at The Tupelo Music Hall, Derry, Nov. 1, at 1 - 4 p.m. Join us for our live auction, food and drinks drive-in style. Tickets (per car) are available at tickets.tupelohall.com. Online Silent Auction Oct. 30 - Nov. 6 Bid on many great items from gift cards, gift baskets, tickets, experiences, trips, packages and other unique items. Sign up for auction updates at: bit.ly/roaringupdate.

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.

Free Meals

Free July and August Meals in Derry/Londonderry Area opened to everyone. 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

The sixth annual Londonderry Blues Festival will take place on Aug. 22 from 12 to 4 p.m. Admission to the Blues Festival will be free, with opportunities for patrons to donate to homeless veterans either through food truck purchases, participation in raffles, and through direct donations. Parking will be available at all neighboring churches and at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. There will be volunteers present to direct parking and traffic.

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. 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.

Raising another's child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration need-

ed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeta@urteachers.org. Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizabeta@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?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No pre-registration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeta@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

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Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's chal-

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 eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

Teen Talk

Need to be Heard? Upper Room's Teen Talk, an online forum to talk, support and be heard is open Tuesdays 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Teens 13-18. No preregistration

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Monday - Aug. 10

9:25 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at Speedway on Nashua Road.

11:58 a.m. Criminal Mischief reported at Rail Trail on Raymond Wiczorek Drive

4:22 p.m. Arrest made by three officers during a disturbance at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road. Carisa Vitello, 18, of Manchester given Involuntary Emergency Admission.

5:48 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Michels Way at Market Basket.

8:31 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat Investigated by four officers on Treadway Lane.

Tuesday - Aug. 11

8:08 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on County Farm Road in Dover. Steven Thornton, 37, of Dover charged with Criminal Trespassing.

11:42 a.m. Report of Missing Person investigated on Rabbit Run.

1 p.m. Welfare Check performed by three officers on Canterbury Lane.

2:35 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Bridge Street in Salem,

Mass. Caitlin Duggan, 34, of South Portland, Maine, charged with Unauthorized Use of a Rented Vehicle over \$1,500.

3:25 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers at Wallace Farm Apartments on Bridle Path.

4:34 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Wilson Road.

6:51 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Memorial Drive.

Wednesday - Aug. 12

1:57 a.m. Medical Emergency transported to the hospital from Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:48 p.m. Arrest made during an assault on Pine Street. April Madison, 20, of Londonderry charged with two counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

2:47 p.m. Identity Theft investigated on Bayberry Lane.

4:57 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Wilson Road.

5 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to an Arrest Made by five officers on Shasta Drive. James Sweeney, 43, of

Londonderry charged with Criminal Mischief.

7:08 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Shasta Drive.

11:35 p.m. Peace restored by four officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Pinyon Place.

Thursday - Aug. 13

3:56 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Orchard View Drive at Shaw's.

7:45 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:43 a.m. Identity Theft investigated on Victoria Drive.

10:19 a.m. Services rendered in Keeping the Peace on Adams Road.

7:57 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by four officers on Fieldstone Drive.

10 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Mercury Drive.

10:43 p.m. Trespassing investigated at LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

Friday - Aug. 14

7:54 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

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This year has been marked by trauma, virus, political upheaval and bankruptcy filings. How easy is it to simply search, click and buy as opposed to getting in the car fighting traffic and dealing with the hustle and bustle of parking, malls and all the rest. Add to that, old school merchants so set in their vintage marketing ways that their appeal simply burned out and faded away.

Then came the pandemic and retailers fell like flies. 2020 alone brought bankruptcy filings by the following well-known if not iconic businesses including J.C. Penney, J.Crew, Nieman Marcus, Pier 1 Imports, Hertz and most recently Lord & Taylor.

It's true that Chapter 11 allows for reorganization as opposed to crash-and burn. It's also true that the over two dozen retailers filing bankruptcy in the year of the pandemic face, at best, an uncertain future.

Many companies struggled even before the Covid-19 nightmare. They carried massive debt, faced sky high mall and other monthly lease payments and had management looking more towards how they used to do things than pushing their way into a new retail era.

Business experts see the trend towards retail bankruptcy at least in part as a drive by managers to get rid of overpriced leases where landlords refuse to negotiate. In any event the Covid-19 pandemic and

stay-at-home orders came as the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

But what does it all mean to the rest of us? Older shoppers used to their bricks and mortar stores and shopping trips now face fewer and fewer choices. At the same time are they the only ones hurt? When the number of retail options shrinks that means less competition. Will online retailers now take advantage of less competition and slowly but surely jack up their prices?

Companies filing Chapter 11 can sometimes reorganize, get rid of overwhelming debt, and emerge slimmer and trimmer. Examples of companies coming out of Chapter 11 to survive include Six Flags, Sbarro and of course GM and

Chrysler. Other times the company's assets are sold to pay debt and the company is done. Lehman Brothers and Enron hit the end of the trail in their filings.

Contrast the business filings above with personal bankruptcy. Sometimes called consumer bankruptcy, Chapters 7 and 13 commonly help individuals and families deal with overwhelming debt.

Chapter 13, sometimes called a wage earners payment plan allows people to catch up on the arrears in a mortgage through a three to five year payment plan. This assumes there is enough income to make all payments. If you can't make every payment timely, the person filing ends up back at square one, losing the money paid into the plan

Chapter 7, sometimes called "straight bankruptcy" refers to a relatively fast discharge of debts for individuals and married couples. The legal name "Liquidation" refers to the idea that all property is liquidated in exchange for a discharge of debts. In reality, in consumer bankruptcy, nearly all filers of personal bankruptcies find that their property is exempt and they go through the process unscathed.

Those filing Chapter 7 receive a discharge usually in a few months, retaining all exempt property. While secured debts face the chapter 7 discharge, the filer has choices. Most people simply reaffirm the debt and it sails through as though there were no bankruptcy. But, an old car that's not running,

for example, that still carries a loan, can be surrendered and the debt discharged. A third choice involves finding a redemption lender and filing a motion to essentially reduce the loan to the actual value of the car.

Overall bankruptcy's goal in the words of the U.S. Supreme Court is to provide honest debtors with a fresh start. That's probably why Enron went out of business. At the same time the vast majority of consumer bankruptcy filers generally end up retaining their property, receiving a discharge of credit card debt and enduring a hit on their credit. Many consumer bankruptcy filers find that an acceptable tradeoff for getting rid of overwhelming debt.

Police Log

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11:32 a.m. Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud investigated at Saint Jude's Church on Mammoth Road.

1:26 p.m. A Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Orchard View Drive at Super Wok. Three officers assist with charging Deborah Roberts, 52, of Manchester, with Stalking (Domestic Violence, Order).

2:36 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at

New York Smoke and Vape on Rockingham Road.

4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest on Nashua Road at Michels Way. Three officers assist in charging John Duchesne, 35, of Franklin, NH on Bench Warrants.

5:27 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Reed Street.

9:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Hampton Drive at Alltown.

11:26 p.m. Peace Rest-

ored after a Complaint at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

Saturday - Aug. 15

5:29 a.m. Overdose transported to the Hospital from South Road.

10:48 a.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Stonehenge Road.

2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint results in an arrest made at Londonderry Fire Central Station on Mammoth Road. Six officers assist with charging Nancy Andrews, 53,

of Salem with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Possession (Residual Amount) and having an Open Container of Alcohol.

9:31 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Renegade's Pub on Nashua Road.

9:42 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat on Airport Road taken to other agency.

10:07 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on South Road at Londonderry South Elementary School.

10:26 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Pillsbury Road.

Sunday - Aug. 16

1:18 a.m. Peace restored by four officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Rockingham Road

10:30 a.m. Services rendered by three officers for suspicious activity on Berkshire Lane.

12:54 p.m. Shoplifting investigated at Market Basket on Michels Way.

1:21 p.m. Drug Offenses Could Not Locate on Forest St at Hemlock Street.

12:19 p.m. Four officers assist with a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Hall Road, resulting in transportation to a hospital.

3:39 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

7:50 p.m. Peace Restored by four officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Midridge Circle.

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necessary; Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Password: 694887. Contact: Nicole Smith Martin at nmartin@urteachers.org or call 437-8477 x29.

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