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Londonderry resident Katie Keeley is inching closer to her goal of \$20,000 to complete additions to the sensory area at Funway Park at the LAFA complex. Photo by Chris Paul

Sensory Area Gets Closer to its Completion Goal

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over the past couple of years, Londonderry resident Katie Keeley has been spending a lot of her spare time raising funds for an addition to the Funway Park play area at the LAFA (Londonderry Athletic Field Association) on Nelson Road for children with autism.

Keeley is a mother twin boys'

who are autistic and were not able to play on much of the equipment in the park, so she began her venture to add a sensory area to the existing park.

The ultimate goal for her fundraising is \$25,000 and last week, donations reached \$20,000 after she received \$5,000 from the Londonderry Police Association. The check was presented to

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School Board Reopens Search for It's Next Superintendent

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board got an update regarding the search for the next superintendent during the March 22 Board meeting.

It was explained by School Board Chair Amy Finamore who also serves on the Search Committee that they were expecting to receive 15 to 20 applicants for the position. From there they were expecting to send two or three to the full School Board for their decision.

"The reason why we are here tonight is because we've received nine applications total out of which three of the individuals were select-

ed for short interviews," said Finamore.

From that group Finamore said that they narrowed it down to one candidate who the Committee thinks is viable.

Finamore said that the Committee wanted the School Board to decide if they wanted to have a long interview with the one candidate or if they wanted to see if they can get more applications.

During public comment Racheal Killian said that she is concerned that if they move forward with one candidate so quickly they may be missing out on other candidates.

She also noted that she found the job posting to be different from

other ones she has seen for superintendent positions specifically that there wasn't a salary listed.

Killian said that it may be one of the reasons why some people didn't apply and said they should reconsider looking at the job posting again.

It was pointed out by Finamore that in New Hampshire you need to have a superintendent license in order to serve in that role which may be one of the reasons for the low number of applicants. She also noted that right now there are 13 openings for superintendent in the state.

"It's just what the market is right now. It's a

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Town Council Breaks Ties With Russian Sister City

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night Town Council meeting, members voted to break all ties with Russia by revoking a longstanding Russian Sister City Agreement.

The "Twin Cities Resolution" agreement was established back in 1991 with the city of Vologda in the USSR, but none of the current members of the Town Council had any idea of its origin, or why it had been estab-

lished 30 years ago.

Londonderry's Acting Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, began the discussion on whether to revoke or suspend ties with the city of Vologda by reading portions of a letter sent to the town by the Consul General of Ukraine in New York.

In the letter, Olekii Holubov asked that the town to express solidarity with Ukraine and revise its "sister-cooperation" with Russian Vologda to suspend or stop it.

The letter, dated March 15, highlighted the military aggression by Russia and civilian casualties saying that Russia is "breaking all possible rules and principles of international

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Heritage Commission Approves Building Design For Storage Facility

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The Londonderry Heritage Commission reviewed an application for design review for a site plan to build two one-story buildings for a warehouse and storage facility at 88A Harvey Road.

The proposed buildings would be 24,800 square feet and 25,800 square feet.

It was explained by licensed land surveyor John Newman, who was representing the owner Patriot Holdings that the plan is currently under review.

Newman noted that

they have only been in front of the Conservation Commission and haven't been in front of the Planning Board yet.

It was explained by Newman that the plan is for the two warehouses to be used as storage facilities geared towards contractors, builders, and others in different trades.

"This will be marketed for contractors," said Newman.

He explained that there would be 21 units per building and each unit would have a garage door and a regular door on them.

Newman said that the idea is that a con-

tractor can store their large materials at the units.

It was also explained by Newman that each of the units will have a small restroom in it if they want it.

He explained that they are looking to run sewer and water into the building and have the connections available in each unit in case they want to have a restroom. Newman said that right now the property is undeveloped. He said that it is in the Industrial 2 zone right next to the airport.

He said that there would be perimeter parking around the edge

and they would have a buffer between the parking space and the landscaping.

Newman said that they would have two dumpsters on site if the plan is approved which will be enclosed.

He said that there won't be any outdoor storage on the site.

Newman said that it wouldn't be for retail and that the plan is to have someone there to oversee it to make sure there are no problems.

One question that was asked was whether or not each of the businesses would have a sign for their individual businesses on the out-

side of their units.

Newman said that wouldn't be the case except if maybe some businesses put up a small sign in the window of their regular doors.

It was pointed out by Newman that they are planning on putting up a nicer stone wall where the one being taken down is if the plan is approved.

Newman said that they don't have a sign designed at this point. He said that they are working with a company to make a monumental sign.

"There is no sign at

this point," said Newman.

He said that the plan is to have the stonewall behind the sign.

No one on the Commission had any issues with the current design of the building and the building design was unanimously approved by the Commission.

"It fits right in there," said Heritage Commission member Arthur Rugg.

Once they have the signage finalized they will need to go back to the Heritage Commission in order to receive approval for it.

Russia

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and humanitarian law.

Malaguti stated that he was able to find a copy of the original agreement, which was dated May 6, 1991 and got some information about it through Planning Board Chairman, Art Rugg.

Rugg had told Malaguti that there has not been any action on the agreement in over 10-years and that the exchange committee has since been defunct.

Malaguti noted that there was a provision in the document that any action to suspend the agreement should have a three-month period before terminating, but

felt due to the current conditions going on in the Ukraine, they would be certainly be within their rights to have it take effect immediately.

Councilor Deb Paul moved to revoke the agreement, with the other four members voting in favor of discontinuing the town's relationship with Russia.

According to the 1991 resolution, the agreement established a partnership with Londonderry and the City Executive Committee of

the People's Deputies Soviet of Vologda.

One of the points in the agreement stated that it would promote friendly ties and contribute greatly to peace and mutual understanding.

It also had a resolution stating that if Londonderry were to send a delegation to Vologda, the sending city would pay the round trip airfare and the host city would pay for all the living expenses while they were visiting.

OBITUARY

Thomas Vincent Walsh

Thomas Vincent Walsh, 80, of New York, NY, passed away peacefully at home on March 20, 2022. He was born in Shelton, CT to the late Timothy Walsh, Jr. and Adeline Sawaska Walsh. Tom was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather who loved his family fiercely. Preceding him in death were his wife, Maria Pignataro Walsh; his parents; and his brother Timothy Walsh, III. Tom was an avid skier all his life, and a dedicated member of the Magic Mountain, VT community for more than four decades - loyally supporting a spirited mountain as humble as himself. He was also an avid New York Giants fan, an IBM 'lifer' of 38 years, and the beloved patriarch of a large, vibrant family. He was respected and loved by many who enjoyed his unending optimism, generosity, and joy of life. Tom provided unwavering support for his loved ones and will be remembered for his unparalleled dependability, strength, and heart. Tom is survived by his partner, Deanne Gilman; his daughter, Marisa Beth Merlino (John); his son, Keith Thomas Walsh (Angela); and his grandchildren, Taylor Lynn Cramer, Jordan Thomas Cramer, Emily Grace Walsh, Austin James Walsh, Maria Elizabeth Walsh, Taylor Aaron Brown (Melanie), Ashley Marie Brown, and Caitlyn Nicole Brown. He is also survived by his sister, Susan Walsh. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Hudson Valley Hospice and McHoul's Funeral Services for their excellent care and compassion. An intimate celebration of life service will be held privately for family. In lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made in memory of Tom and Maria Walsh to the American Cancer Society.

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Heritage Commission Reviews Plans For Construction Warehouse

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Heritage Commission heard an application for a design review of a site plan for the construction of a warehouse and whole-sale building at 3 Enter-

prise Drive during their March 24 meeting.

Representing the owner Enterprise Drive, and the applicant North-east Nursery was Jason Lopez from Keach-Nordstrom Associates.

He explained that the plan was to construct a

7,200 square foot warehouse at the property which is 6.1 acres and is located off of Rockingham Road. Lopez noted that the property is currently a vacant lot.

Lopez explained that the business is currently operating at 15 Tinker Ave in a building that they are renting. He said that they want to get rid of that building and locate it in their new facility.

Lopez said that the property "has a significant amount of wetlands on it."

He explained that because of the setbacks for the wetlands and the 100 foot setbacks for the brook it put some constraints on the lot and where they can put the building.

Lopez said that they deal with a lot of different irrigation supplies

and that they "have a lot of deliveries that come in."

Lopez said that a lot of contractors will buy products from them directly, especially people in town and will come to pick it up with a pick up truck or trailers.

"There's a need for both the loading dock and also a drive in access into the building," said Lopez.

He said that they need to be able to accommodate 53 foot trucks coming in and also for 24 foot box trucks which will be taking products out.

Lopez said that they are looking at having a good amount of racking inside the building and also behind the building.

It was also pointed out by Lopez that they weren't going to have any stonewalls in the

area they are developing.

Lopez said that they proposed some landscaping in the front of the building. However, even though the property is inside of the curb they were told by engineering that they had to remove it for sight distance requirements.

It was explained by Lopez that they were going to have more discussions with staff and Planning about how to address it since they have sight distance easements in place.

"We're going to have to find a balance between safe drive access and nice looking landscaping," said Lopez.

Lopez said that the sign package hasn't been completed yet but said that the color scheme would be similar to the color of the build-

ing. After consulting with the owners, Lopez said that they wouldn't have a free standing sign and instead would just have one on the building so people know they are at the right location.

It was explained by Heritage Commission Chairman Krystopher Kenny that the Commission could approve the building without the sign but they would have to come back to the Commission in order to get a sign approved in the future either way.

Lopez said that they would wait until they have the sign package done before they seek approval.

In order to move forward they were told that they needed to come back with signage, lighting and landscaping plans.

OBITUARY

Phyllis G. Read



Phyllis G. Read, longtime resident of Londonderry, NH, passed away on March 3, 2022, in CT. She was 83 years of age. Born in Everett, MA, she was the daughter of Thomas and Alice Greene. She attended Everett High School and, for many years, was employed at Omnicare in Manchester, NH.

Phyllis moved to Londonderry from Everett, MA, after marrying Robert (Bob) C. Read, also from Everett. They met in the bank where she worked after Bob kept coming in for "business," of which he had none, and they soon married. She and Bob were inaugural members of the neighborhood on Devonshire Lane in Londonderry and loved living there, largely because of their wonderful neighbors. Every day, Phyllis could be seen walking the neighborhood with her dear friends, Mary and Sue.

Phyllis was a huge animal lover and parent to many cats, dogs, and a couple of pet mice over the years. She was an avid gardener, but a less avid weeder of said gardens. Every year, she added new ones, as evidenced by the ever-expanding flower beds and ever-shrinking lawn. One of her most amazing skills was her eye for a scene and her ability to paint it.

For many years, Phyllis played tennis and attended "fitness" with a group in Derry. She once hiked up Mount Washington with the group and was both thrilled about her adventure and proud of her accomplishment.

Phyllis loved a good perm and her trips to TJ Maxx (or TJ's, as she called it) where, like her daughter, Leslie, she had a tremendous capacity to buy things. A personal favorite was the rather large "Set It and Forget It Personal Rotisserie" that sat largely unused on a counter in her kitchen for many years. Phyllis was an excellent cook, and enjoyed spending long hours with Leslie in the kitchen and traveling to Europe, where they always had great food and wine.

Phyllis absolutely adored her grandchildren, Emily and Alexis. She loved to draw and paint with them, and never passed up a chocolate chip cookie or ice cream when they were together. She also shared her love of the salty air and rocky coast of Maine, lobster and fried clams with both Matthew and Leslie. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her son K. Matthew Read and his wife, Jennifer S. Read of Monroe, CT, and their two children Emily and Alexis, her daughter Leslie M. Read, of Boston, MA, and her sister, Marsha Barker of Rutland, Vermont. She was predeceased by her husband of many years, Robert C. Read.

Private services will be held at a later date in NH. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to NH SPCA (nhspca.org).

Superintendent

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hard market," said Finamore.

As for salary, Finamore said that they didn't want to narrow the salary range which is why they didn't post it on the job posting.

"We really wanted to give ourselves some flexibility," said Finamore.

School Board member Bob Slater said that the School Board hired the New Hampshire School Board Association to help them with the search no matter how long it takes.

"They are hired to

get us or work with us to hire a superintendent. If it takes a year, if it takes two years, until we have a qualified candidate selected by the Board," said Slater.

He said that the Committee originally had selected three applicants to do short interviews with, but they determined that the Committee didn't see them as viable candidates.

Slater said he wasn't comfortable with just having one candidate for the Board to choose from and suggested they open the application process again for three weeks.

"Let's see what comes in," said Slater.

School Board Vice Chair Sara Loughlin said she agreed with not wanting only one candidate.

"I would not feel

bringing only one candidate to the School Board," said Loughlin.

The School Board ultimately decided that they would repost the job posting for three weeks meaning that the application period will close on April 12. They also agreed that they don't want fewer than two candidates sent to the School Board from the Search Committee.

Dr. Manfredi, Dr. Samaan, and all staff of 603 Dental would like to thank Dr. Joseph Wingate for his 42 years of service providing for the dental needs of Londonderry, Derry, and surrounding communities. We wish him a happy retirement!



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This is the time of year when life starts to speed up. With nicer weather, graduations, proms, and the rest of the holidays to come. However, this year it seems a little more special after these events being somewhat taken away due to COVID-19.

After school finishes for the year and the graduates are sent on their way, we slip into the slower days of summer. Sure, there may be travel plans, gardening, or houseguests, but there's also time to sit on the porch, relax, and enjoy this slow time before we get back to the speed of fall.

We'd like to use this period of slowing down to reflect on what is truly important, as we prepare for the period of speeding up again we want to invite our readers to write us, offering your views on how you feel, what you are thankful for, just about anything that is on your mind.

After all the election letters, it would be great to see other letters. Letters thanking, informing, or whatever it is you may have on your mind. Readers have already begun to write again, and we're pleased to see that happening, but we would like to see more. Sharing thoughts and feeling in this traditional way is very satisfying and you might even make a new friend from it. One thing we

want to make crystal clear is that we don't seek to control what people have to say, we want to be your soapbox. We run what we get. Everything like thank-you letters for donations, political agenda driven, commentary on how you see things, or just anything you want to share. The letters we receive must meet our publishing guidelines: up to five hundred words, you must be from our town; you must place your name on it.

If you don't see letters sharing your viewpoint, chances are that no one with that viewpoint has bothered to write.

The letters page is your page to share your thoughts, feels, wants, and needs. It's a way to inspire others in your town. The surest way to help rectify any perceived slant you might see is to write your own letter for publication, we aren't suggesting tit-for-tat letters.

The letters column reflects the viewpoints of our readers who want to share their opinions, feelings, thoughts, and ideas with their fellow residents, and don't need to hide behind anonymous blogs to do so. It's a way to get a dialogue going among residents, and to generate conversations about matters that impact all of us - the virus is just the timely issue of the moment.

Letters

RE: Helping Joe's Legacy—stream II Pipeline. And please see someone about your BDS (Biden Derangement Syndrome).
 To the editor,
 First, you must have known your letter would generate a response. Propaganda garbage aside, invoking my name was sure to make it happen. Once again, every line from Right Wing propaganda Media regurgitated here, word for word. Just can't seem to get off the Propaganda of the Keystone Pipeline, can you? Hint: this is why we call you people internal threats now.

Inflation has been caused by the pandemic, PERIOD!. If you want my opinion, keeping interest rates artificially low (0%) during the Orange Traitors Rule, while at the same time the Republicans running up another combined 11 Trillion in debt (for NOTHING) was the main cause.

I often wonder just how moronically Ignorant someone would have to be, to believe we were energy independent one day and then not the next? By the way, Oil is a commodity and prices are set in the Global Market. Let's hope the Oil industry start's using some of their 9,000 land drilling leases (2000 of which were approved last year).
 Regarding the Orange Traitors Horrible Betrayal Deal with the Taliban, resulting in the immediate release of 5,000 imprisoned terrorists, I think we have covered this in enough detail already.

VP, I am sure you would have preferred the trained dog, water boy, Q-tip, as VP, but that's just how the vote goes.

Finally, the Orange Criminal Traitors legacy: Leaving behind 74 million Ignorant, Brainwashed, Cult Followers (formerly known as Americans).
 I will ask you once again to stop being a Brainwashed Puppet of Right-wing media. Or please just change your name from Dr. Minnillo to Dr. Goebbels. Also,

President Biden did not gift Russia a Pipeline. He removed the Sanctions on the Nord-

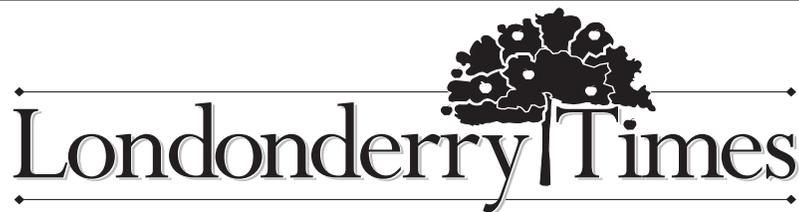
The Russian Pariah

To the editor,
 Putin is Hitler reincarnated. Hitler tried to create a German empire throughout Europe during WWII. Putin wants to recreate a Russian empire in Europe starting with the invasion of Ukraine. Unfortunately, the democracies are currently showing similar military wariness tendencies as the Allies showed against Hitler's initial invasions.

Putin thought he would overrun Ukraine, but he is meeting fierce resistance from the Ukrainians. Increased military preparedness by NATO, especially in Poland, and severe economic sanctions might deter Putin from his expansionist policy, but it will not save Ukraine. NATO and the U.S. should have sent military forces into western Ukraine. Out of fear of Russia the Biden administration balked at transferring Polish aircraft to Ukraine. We let down Ukraine, and this will embolden Putin.

The free world must continue to support Ukraine with military and economic assistance, and sanctions must be maintained against Russia until it leaves Ukraine. Subsequently, Russia should be subjected to TRILLIONS of dollars in war reparations starting with their seized assets; and Putin and his henchmen must be charged with war crimes.

The US has to reeval-
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Local Rotary Clubs Donate Over \$10,000 to Ukrainian Refugees

The Derry Rotary Club, Derry Village Rotary Club and Londonderry Rotary Club have together donated \$10,750 to three organizations that are

directly helping the Ukrainian refugees in Poland. The three organizations are the Rotary International Disaster Relief Fund, District 7870 (NH/Vt) to District

2231 (Poland) and The World Central Kitchen. Voting to donate in each club was unanimous.

The Rotary organizations traditionally provide aid during times of

natural disasters but have pivoted in this time of war. The World Central Kitchen is serving hot meals on the Polish-Ukrainian border to refugees and volunteers.

Members of the community who wish to donate to Rotary to assist in its efforts can send checks to the Derry Village Rotary Club, PO Box 462, Derry,

NH 03038 or utilize PayPal (@DVRotary) or Venmo (@DerryVillageRotary) Please indicate "Ukrainian Relief."

Sensory Park

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Keeley last Wednesday, March 23, in front of police headquarters.

The funds were raised by the Police Association during a golf tournament that was held this past August. The goal was to raise money for a service dog for a little boy in town and for the sensory addition to the playground.

During Keeley's efforts, she has been helped by Recreation Director, Art Psaledas and Occupational Therapist, Jenelle Psaledas, who have helped with a number of things along the way.

Jenelle has been instrumental in choosing the best equipment

for the play area and Art helped with the installing of the swing recently put in.

A merry-go-round has been ordered and will be installed when it arrives.

According to Keeley, "We purchased the swing and merry-go-round and we are hoping to complete the sensory addition by adding drums and chimes this summer if we reach our goal."

The Funway Park was originally installed through fundraising efforts by the Londonderry Mom's Club, but recently the park is looking a bit run down.

Keeley is hoping her efforts will help reinvigorate the communities interest in the park.

During the March 8

election, voters passed a Warrant Article allowing the Town of Londonderry to establish a Recreation Fund, now all funds received can be held there for a variety of project, one of which being the Sensory Park. If residents wish to contribute, they can send checks right to the Town Hall, at 268B Mammoth Road Londonderry NH 03053 c/o Justin Campo or they can donate via paypal on the project's website: www.playground-addition.com.

The Londonderry Lions Club is also helping Keeley reach her goal, next month they will be presenting her with a check for \$1,800 during a "Pint Night" fundraiser, being held at the Pipe Dream Brewery on April 29.



Katie Keeley was presented with a \$5,000 check from members of the Londonderry Police Association for her on-going efforts to add some sensory equipment to Funway Park. Photo by Chris Paul

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Heritage Commission Gives Input On Gas Station Design

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Heritage Commission discussed an application for a design review of a conditional use permit which would allow a 6,000 square foot convenience store with a drive through, and gas station with 16 fueling stations and two diesel fueling stations located at 74 Rockingham Road.

Representing the owner Londonderry West LLC and the applicant New Sunset Realty

was Jeff Kevan from TF Moran.

It was explained by Kevan that they have a new tenant and operator that decided to go on the property.

Kevan explained that for the new tenants it was decided that it made sense to eliminate the bank that was there and add diesel fuel pumps to the adjacent property where the bank was.

He said that they filed for a conceptual discussion before the Planning Board. Kevan

told the Commission that they have to get conditional approval to use the old bank lot for additional fuel. He said that they would have three diesel pumps there if approved.

One of the highlights that was pointed out by Kevan is that originally they were asked to turn the building so there was a smaller length of the building facing the road which the operator agreed to.

He said that the building would be bigger saying that they need to

be a little bigger since there will be seating inside long term. Kevan said that the building would be about 1,400 square feet bigger.

Kevan said that the plan is for the landscaping around the site's perimeter to not change dramatically from what is there now.

"You're going to see very much the same," said Kevan.

Kevan also pointed out that the lighting would be very similar to what was there previously. The access points

for the driveway have not changed in the new plan Kevan also noted.

There is no plan to have any overnight truck parking there.

Kevan said that they don't have a plan in place for signage at this time.

"We really haven't finalized a signage package," said Kevan. He said that they would go back to the Commission at a later date with the sign package once it is complete.

One question that was asked was what the plan is for the screening between the diesel pumps and Rockingham Road.

It was asked if they would consider fencing or vegetation as a buffer

between the diesel pumps and the road.

Kevan said they have a fair amount of landscaping proposed between the two but they can go back and discuss it further to improve the screening of the area.

Town Council Liaison Jim Butler said that he thought it was a good location for the type of business.

"I think it's a great location for it," said Butler.

The Heritage Commission ultimately asked that they come back with suggested design modifications including screening for the diesel area, a shingle roof, and a more subtle color palette.

Letters

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uate its national security posture versus Russia.

Russia's standing among countries has been irreparably damaged, and Putin and Russia are considered pariahs of the world and the enemies of mankind.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Bottle Regulation

To the editor,

I was pleased to see the editorial in this week's Londonderry Times, urging people to pick up litter along their roads. My property has over a mile of roadside, and I am constantly cleaning up the cans, bottles, lottery tickets and other trash thought-

less motorists toss out their windows.

But we can do more. As best as I can determine, NH, is the ONLY state in all of New England (plus New York) that lacks a bottle regulation that allows one to gain a nickel by returning cans and bottles.

With such a regulation, kids would pick up these unsightly objects of debris for the redemption fee, and become neighborhood allies in making our roads more attractive. It would be nice if they'd also clean up the many lottery tickets that also litter our roads. I would urge Londonderry residents who share my feeling to write to Governor Sununu and your legislators, as I have done, making this request.

I like to joke to

myself as I police my country roads that I would prefer it if the only lottery tickets I had to pick up were winner tickets, and the only bottles I find were unopened clean ones. Perhaps in a more perfect world.

Sincerely,
Stephen M. Young
Ambassador, (ret.)
Londonderry

Notes on Letters

To the editor

I have to say I totally enjoy the Letters and the bantering back and forth from Dr. Paul Minnillo responding to Steve Homesy.

This doctor really know's his stuff and it is obvious Mr. Homesy is just another liberal water carrier for the left.

I would love to see these two debate since Mr. Homesy is absolutely wrong on every issue.

I would love to see Joe Biden have a full mental and physical evaluation since even people without a medical degree should be able to see he has Dementia.

Our country has a 25th Amendment for a reason and it should be used for Joe.

This administration should not even be in Office due to the tainted election and the Fraud that occurred. We are in a world of hurt in this country and to read how out of touch the left are is disheartening.

If this doctor wanted to leave medicine and run for office I would vote for him.

Pat Scannura
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Mary Frances (Grashel) Steiner



Mary Frances (Grashel) Steiner, 78, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2022 in her daughters home in Canterbury, NH. She was born on April 29, 1943 in Portsmouth, OH, a daughter of the late Leslie and Frances (Martin) Grashel. Mary was a proud Military Wife, who raised her family while her husband, Michael, served his country. They moved often but she especially enjoyed their time in Hawaii, Charleston, SC and later Maryland. She was a dedicated wife and mother. Mary also was a voracious reader and playing games with her friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Noel Touchette and her fiancée Leslie Bryant; her son, Michael Conrad Steiner and his wife Marie; son-in-law, John Coppola and wife Donna, five grandchildren John Robert Coppola and fiancée Mackenzie, Anthony Coppola, Alexandra Steiner, Michael J. Steiner and Julia Steiner; sisters-in-law, D'Arcy Coulter and Jody Barto; brother in law Orman Boggs, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 54 years, Michael B. Steiner in 2019, and her sister, Joyce (Grashel) Boggs.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held on Saturday March 26, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Mary will be laid to rest with her husband Michael at Arlington

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Easter Bunny Travels to the Aviation Museum on April 9

The Easter Bunny will arrive by chopper on Saturday, April 9 at the Aviation Museum of NH, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry, NH.

At 11 a.m., the Easter Bunny will celebrate his appearance by tossing 1,500 chocolate eggs

and other Easter treats from the chopper.

The eggs will be thrown overboard as the chopper hovers above the museum's big grassy field, which will be cordoned off during the fly-over.

After the candy is dropped and the heli-

copter clears the area, kids 12 and under will be allowed onto the field to pick up the chocolate eggs and other treats.

Following the candy hunt, the Easter Bunny will return to the Aviation Museum at noon on a fire truck courtesy the Manchester Airport Fire Department.

The Bunny will remain at the museum until 1 p.m. to meet fans and pose for pictures.

All events connected with the Easter Bunny at the Aviation Museum are free and open to the public. The Easter Bunny's appearance and the candy hunt will take place rain or shine; the helicopter is weather permitting.

Sponsors of this year's Easter Bunny's appearance at the Aviation Museum include St. Mary's Bank, Granite State Candy Shoppe, The Ark Learning Center of Londonderry, and C.R. Helicopters of Nashua.

Families are asked to

arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. to park and safely make their way to the Aviation Museum.

Children participating in the candy egg drop will be divided into three groups: age 6 and under, ages 7 to 9, and ages 10 to 12. Youngsters in the first group will be given a brief head start before groups of older kids are allowed on the field.

Plastic bags already containing candy will be available for kids to collect treats from the field.

"We hope families will hop on over to see the Easter Bunny drop 1,500 chocolate eggs and other candies from a real helicopter," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of NH. "It's a great way to get into the spirit of the Easter season."

Also on Saturday, April 9: a giant candy-filled Easter egg piñata will be on display in the Aviation Museum's park-



The Easter Bunny during last year's visit to the Aviation Museum of N.H.

ing lot. Raffle tickets will be sold for the honor of busting open the piñata with a baseball bat.

Raffle proceeds will support the Aviation Club at the Manchester School of Technology, where students are building an airplane in partnership with the Aviation Museum.

The Aviation Museum of NH will be open to the public on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. - 4

p.m. Regular admission applies: \$10 for adults 13 and above; \$5 for children 6 to 12, seniors 65 and above, and veterans/active military; kids 5 and under free.

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

OBITUARY

Jane Grube



Jane Grube, 101, of Londonderry, NH and Decatur, MI, was one of eight children born to Fred and Josephine Dircks in the Brighton Park neighborhood of Chicago. She met William (1920-2007), her husband of 63 years, at a Valentine's Day party when they were 14 years old. Her entire life centered on compassion and love for her family and her many friends. Having grown up during the depression she enjoyed living a simple life, appreciating everyone and everything around her.

She and Bill were loyal Missouri Synod Lutherans belonging to Peace Lutheran Church for 60 years before transferring their membership to Trinity Lutheran near their MI home. Jane was active in church groups including Gaba-Gaba, Dorcas Society, Ladies' Aide and Kids at Heart.

After years of renting a cottage each summer in Decatur, MI, Bill and Jane built their retirement home on Lake of the Woods. Even after moving to New Hampshire she was able to return annually to the place she considered home including a memorable visit last summer with family and friends.

Each year after her husband's passing, she spent more time with her son and daughter-in-law in NH. She continued right to the end, to be thoughtful and most appreciative to all who cared for her.

Jane was well known for her home-made cookies. Each day between Thanksgiving and Christmas she baked various types of cookies. Everyone she knew and sometimes some she didn't know, got a can of cookies at Christmas. They were the centerpiece of our holiday desserts. She made many beautiful quilts by hand over the years and also enjoyed crafting. As time passed, she focused on crocheting - making hats, headbands and blankets for cancer patients, military members, and those less fortunate. Jane, even at 101.5, spent almost every waking hour crocheting. She told us that it kept her "mind and hands active" and "helped people". When not crocheting she did word search puzzles - but only to occupy her mind. She joked that they were "stupid cause when you're done you throw the book away."

Jane is survived by her two sisters, Violet Williams and Emily (and Ken) Mola; her two sons, Jack and William, daughters-in-law Dianne and Lynn; three grandchildren Steve (and Susan), Erin (and Steve) and Dan (and Sarah). She was predeceased by her husband, William Grube, and her siblings, Fred of IN, Charles of IL, Bud of IN, Bob of IL, and Loretta of PA. In one of her last conversations with her sister she reminded her that they will "meet again" in Heaven - a comforting thought that she is back with the love of her life, her family and friends.

When she turned 100 in 2020, she realized the love the world had for her when she received over 200 birthday cards. That following year Jane was honored when an award was created to recognize her compassion and benevolence. The award will be given annually to a Pinkerton Academy Cosmetology student to "celebrate the values and overwhelming joy that she brought to the Astro Style team throughout her years as a customer." In lieu of flowers donations can be made payable to Pinkerton Academy - Jane Grube Benevolence Award and mailed to Ms. Keryl Rabideau, Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton Street, Derry, NH 03038.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Friday, March 25 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry.

OBITUARY

Sarah (Sally) Norma Duffina Smigielski

On Sunday, March 20, 2022, Sarah (Sally) Norma Duffina Smigielski, loving mother of six children passed away at the age of 84. Sally was born in Charlestown, MA to Virginia and George Beck. She received her respiratory therapy training at Massachusetts General Hospital where she worked for 25 years before retiring.

Sally loved to read and travel, but the light of her life was the time she spent with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her dedication to this light enabled her to keep the greeting card industry flourishing.

Sally was preceded in death by her father George and her mother Virginia. She is survived by her six children, Mary, Kevin, Sean, Rita, John, Patricia, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 25, at the Manchester Vineyard Community Church, 750 Pine St., Manchester, NH 03104. In-lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Going Green: New Opportunities to Beautify Londonderry

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BEAUTIFY LONDONDERRY
COMMITTEE

Beautify Londonderry is a subcommittee of our town's Solid Waste and Environment group. Both of these volunteer organizations are dedicated to keeping Londonderry Clean and Green. Two new programs from Beautify Londonderry will further that effort in 2022.

The Sponsor-A-Road program allows businesses, organizations, and even neighborhoods to earn recognition for roadside cleanup and other beautification efforts on specific streets in town.

The sponsor agrees to pick up trash and other roadside debris, and/or to make needed greenery improvements on the selected street, at least semi-annually. Beautify Londonderry

supplies safety equipment, training, and a roadside sign recognizing the sponsor's efforts. Londonderry's Department of Public Works installs the roadside sign and picks up all trash bags collected by the sponsor on the cleanup days.

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Showing patience through a long, COVID-related delay, Chris O'Connell and Phil Provencher will lead Bos-

ch's Sponsor-A-Road efforts on Wentworth Avenue in Londonderry. The company's first cleanup day is Friday, April 22 with a rain date of Friday, April 29.

Sponsor-A-Spot is similar to Sponsor-A-Road but on a smaller, more focused scale. This program is aimed specifically at beautification efforts, such as plantings and other greenery, in smaller public spaces and neighborhoods. High-visibility spots where such improvements can enhance Londonderry's curbside appearance are great targets! The master gardeners on Londonderry's Green Team will provide their expertise to sponsors in the selection of plants and flowers. Volunteer businesses, families and neighborhoods, and even individuals, will be



Members of scout troop 901 helped with the Beautify Londonderry effort last year by cleaning up the Town Forest.

recognized with a discreet roadside sign for their efforts to clean, green, and maintain these spots for the benefit of all Londonderry.

Are you or your organization interested in either the Sponsor-A-Road or Sponsor-A-Spot program? The best way to get involved is to con-

tact us at beautifylondonderry@londonderry-nh.org or @BeautifyLondonderry on Facebook.

For those who simply wish to be part of a group and pick up roadside litter for 2-3 hours, save the date for Beautify Londonderry's annual town-wide Spring Clean-

up! This will take place on three successive Saturdays, April 23, April 30, and May 7. Sign-in at the front of Matthew Thornton School starting at 9 a.m. Safety equipment and Beautify Londonderry T-Shirts will be available for all Cleanup volunteers.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Former Local Woman Completes Marathons in All 50 States

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Some people take bets more seriously than others.

What started as a bet back in the 1980s in Boston, Mass., culminated in January of 2022 in the heat of Hawaii with an accomplishment that not too many people can lay claim to.

When Maureen Knepp, a former member of the Greater Derry Track Club and past Londonderry resident, crossed the finish line in Maui, Hawaii on Jan. 16, she officially completed a marathon in all 50 states (plus Washington, D.C.), joining a group of only five women and 17 people total in the state of New Hampshire who can make that claim.

"This journey has been over 29 years and it is a wonderful way to see our country in slow motion, 26.2 miles at a

time," Knepp said. "I tried to learn something about the state by visiting something historic or a national park while I was there."

And the quest all began back in the 1980s when she and her husband, Bob, who were living in Londonderry at the time, attended the Boston Marathon.

"Honestly, I didn't know what a marathon was, but it sounded like a fun party to go to," Knepp said, remembering the inspirational Kenyans running by like the wind. "I bet my husband that I would start running."

"Knowing that I never sweated a day in my life or participated in any sport, he took the bet and said he would run if I would run," she continued. "I started running that day and have not stopped."

So, Maureen and Bob started running, but

with two kids under the age of five, they could never really train together, since one of them was always watching the kids. That did not deter them from entering Washington, D.C.'s Marine Corps Marathon in 1993, where they toed the starting line together unsure of what the pace would be. Just more than four hours later, they finished with a wonderful sense of accomplishment and she was hooked.

"It's a very expensive hobby," she said with a laugh. "We can knock off New England states pretty quickly, but it's a big country."

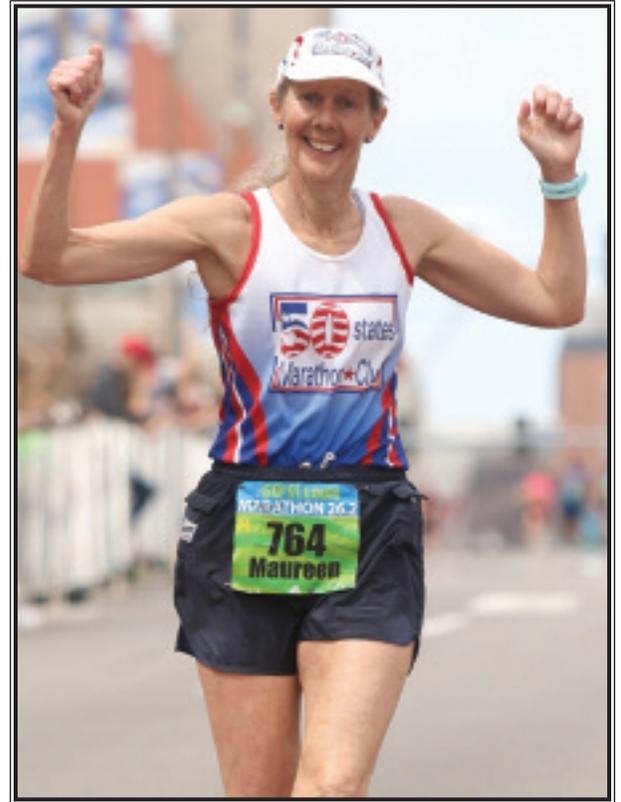
That being said, Knepp points out that she has learned something at every marathon and can look back now and laugh at how she used to train with Fig Newtons and Gatorade, long before the days of the special foods and

training supplements that flood the market nowadays.

With her first marathon under her belt, the Knepps became very involved with the Greater Derry Track Club and as various members were training for different marathons around New England and beyond, Knepp would travel with them and run too, hitting marathons along the east coast, including Philadelphia, Baltimore and Burlington, Vt.

She recalls running in Portland, Maine and talking to a fellow runner who was completing his 50th state and he told her about the 50 State Marathon Club, which certifies the races you have done and requires proof. In order

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Former Londonderry resident and member of the Greater Derry Track Club, Maureen Knepp, recently completed 50 marathons in 50 states. Courtesy photo.

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to join, you had to have completed marathons in 10 different states and at that point, Knepp was up to 14 without even knowing about the club, so she quickly joined.

Being a mother of two and employed full-time, running marathons was something she did a couple of times a year, enduring the hard part of training for three months to get the enjoyment of running one morning.

“After a while, I learned that I could train up once and do a marathon a month and knock the states out faster,” she said. “I ran all over Londonderry, Derry, Windham and Nashua, doing over 1,000 miles a year for years.”

Knepp notes that she did take some years off for marathoning, including when her daughter was diagnosed with

Leukemia at age two, but she never stopped running.

“I would travel to states where I had relatives or friends to visit and get room and board,” she said. “Some states I went by myself, sometimes I had a friend from the running club go with me.”

Her husband tackled five marathons with her and supported her on many others and on a couple of occasions, the entire family went on the trip to run, which included the Disney Marathon in Florida and Mayor’s Midnight Marathon in Anchorage, Ak., which they ran in 2000 and raised more than \$10,000 for the Leukemia Foundation.

The Knepps retired to their home in New Durham in 2017 and really missed their old running group. They were talking about that one night at Burnt Timber Tavern in Wolfeboro



Maureen Knepp has plenty of medals to commemorate her marathon runs. She’s also had her marathon t-shirts made in to a couple of quilts.

Courtesy photo

and from that, a local running group was born. The group meets every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. and runs around the area before

returning to the tavern for a beer.

Then came COVID and like everything else in the world, the pandemic brought Knepp’s dream of running a marathon in each state to a grinding halt, as marathons were cancelled. At the time, she was three away from finishing her quest.

However, once things started getting back up and running, Knepp and a running buddy hit the road and ran in Montana and Washington in the fall of 2021, leaving just the

final marathon, Hawaii, on the docket for 2022.

She notes that it’s not always easy finding a marathon in every state, either.

“Some of them are pretty remote and some places don’t have a large selection of marathons,” Knepp said, noting that Wyoming and Delaware were particularly hard to track down and Montana provided a few challenges as well.

All told, she says the prettiest marathon was the Leading Ladies Marathon in South Dakota, followed closely by the Avenue of the Giants, which ran through the Redwoods in California.

“You just run the whole marathon looking up,” she said. “That’s just another really cool place.”

Her hottest marathon was the Clarence DeMar Marathon in Keene back in 2017, though the final one in Maui was also quite warm.

“Hawaii killed me, it was really warm,” she said, noting she had been training in November and December in New England before traveling to Hawaii. “They let us leave at 4 a.m. to beat the heat, I left at 4:40 a.m. and was wishing I had left at 4 a.m.”

On the other end of the spectrum, the Route 66 Marathon in Tulsa, OK, in 2013 was the coldest, while Grandma’s Marathon in Duluth, Minn. provided the foggiest environment in which to run.

Her fastest overall time was the Boston Marathon in 1999, which she finished in 3:55:10, while the slowest was her final race in Hawaii at 5:50. She notes that the inaugural Manchester Marathon, which didn’t seem to skip a single hill in the city, was the hardest race.

“My favorite was probably the Disney Marathon in 2002, I had so much fun high-fiving all the characters,” she said.

With a total of 54 marathons in the books, Knepp said she is stepping back from the long distance, instead choosing to focus on shorter runs.

“No more marathons, I’ll run but nothing more than a half-marathon,” she said, noting that the Burnt Timber group continues to grow and she continues to enjoy running with her new-found friends.

And as she runs, she certainly has plenty of stories to tell and experiences to share from an adventure of a lifetime.

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Lancers Defeats Warriors at Granite State Challenge

DURHAM – The final game in the first round of Granite State Challenge pitted Londonderry High against Winnicunnet High. Playing for Londonderry were captain and senior Austin Kilgore, and sophomores Nathan Ferrick, Brendon Saranich, and Xander Cogan. The team was coached by Peter Willis.

Playing for Winnicunnet High was team captain and senior Anna Murray, along with seniors Marissa Lambert, Trey Gourgeot, and Adam Cico. The team alternates were seniors Sam Robie, and Julia Furlong. Winnacunnet High was coached by Kevin Fleming and enrolls 1,024 students from Hampton, Seabrook, North Hampton, South Hampton, and Hampton Falls.

In the first round of the game, correct answers are worth 10 points and there is no loss of points for incorrect answers. Nathan Ferrick opened the game and put the first ten points on the board for Londonderry by knowing that the Baltimore Ravens took its team name from a poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Nathan added another 10 points to Londonderry's score by naming Maine as the only state with a one-syllable name. Adam Cico put the first points on the board for Winnicunnet by naming Reyk-

javik as the capital of Iceland and the northernmost capital city of a sovereign state. Trey Gourgeot picked up 10 points for Winnicunnet by knowing that the furcula is better known as the wishbone in a turkey. Londonderry captain picked up 10 points by naming the movie "Jaws" as the story of a town in Amity, Massachusetts threatened by a fish. Austin proved his toothy-fish knowledge by naming "Barracuda" as a song from the band Heart. Later in the round, Xander Cogan of Londonderry correctly identified Concord teacher Christa McAuliffe as the first civilian selected to go into space and Anna Murray of Winnicunnet correctly identified the loon as a bird known for four calls - the wail, tremolo, yodel, and hoot. At the end of the round, Londonderry had a lead of 150-50.

In the second round of the game, correct answers are worth 20 points and there is no loss of points for incorrect answers. The second round also usually has two questions worth 40 points - the 40 for 40 Question from a past season of Granite State Challenge, which celebrates the 40th season of the game, and the Unutil Power question. Adam Cico put the first points on the board for Winnicunnet by knowing

that the puck drop at the opening of a hockey game is called a face-off. On a roll, he also picked up 20 points on the second question of the round by naming singer-songwriter Phoebe Bridgers as the artist who released the album "Stranger in the Alps" in 2017, and the orca as the species of whale featured in the movie "Free Willie," tightening the score to 150-110. Neither team was able to answer the Unutil Power Question about the 1983 song "Electric Avenue" by Eddie Grant. Adam Cico of Winnicunnet picked up 40 points for his team by answering a question about the narwal from season 34 of Granite State Challenge. The round ended with Londonderry holding a lead of 350-150.

The third round of the game is the Three Strikes and You're Out Round. Each team picks a 10-question category and each team member, starting with the captain, gets one question. The team continues to answer questions until they miss three questions. Each team also has three passes in each round. If a team answers all 10 questions correctly, they pick up an additional 10 points. Winnicunnet selected the category Common COLD in which all of the answers included the word cold. The team got eight out of ten correct, missing



The Londonderry High School Granite State Challenge team is made up of senior Austin Kilgore, and sophomores Nathan Ferrick, Brendon Saranich, and Xander Cogan. Courtesy photo

only on questions about cold fusion and the Truman Capote novel, In Cold Blood, adding 80 points to their score. Londonderry selected the category Mind Your P's and Q's - all of the answers included both a P and a Q. Missing on questions about the words applique, quadriceps, and pipsqueak, the team picked up 70 points in the round, and Londonderry held on to a lead of 420-230.

In the final round, correct answers are worth 20 points, but an incorrect answer will cost a team 20 points and leads can be quickly lost or gained. Winnicunnet's Trey Gourgeot picked up the first 20 points of the round with a question about the feature that ungulate species share. Anna Murray put another 20

points on the board for Winnicunnet by knowing that "Good Grief!" is Charlie Brown's catchphrase. Trey Gourgeot picked up another 20 points for Winnicunnet by correctly spelling orangutan, Anna Murray added another 20 points to Winnicunnet's score by identifying hydrogen as the first element on the periodic table, and Marissa Lambert picked up another 40 points correctly answering questions about Albus Dumbledore and King Kong. Adam Cico of Winnicunnet then added another 20 points to the score correctly identifying the saxophone as the instrument played by Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Lisa Simpson, and Former President Bill Clinton, tightening the score to 460-390, but with just a little over a

minute left in the game, Winnicunnet was not able to narrow the gap, and Londonderry won the match with a score of 500-410.

Londonderry High will now face Manchester Central in the quarterfinal round.

Granite State Challenge features New Hampshire's top high school academic quiz teams as they demonstrate remarkable teamwork, quick thinking, and smarts to beat the clock and buzz in first on this iconic New Hampshire game show. The game emphasizes quick recall of math, science, social studies, language arts, and fine arts facts - along with questions about current events, entertainment, sports, and New Hampshire.

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Local Twirler Added to the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band

Londonderry High School graduate and multi-sport athlete Emily Cowette will serve as the 32nd Purdue Golden Girl, continuing a tradition started by Director of Bands Emeritus, Dr. Al G. Wright in 1954.

On Saturday, March 26, her audition earned her one of the most iconic positions on Purdue’s campus. Cowette, who began twirling at six years old, is currently a freshman studying Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. She held the position of Silver Twin during the 2021-22 season.

Haley Aiken will return for her third consecutive year in the Purdue “All-American”

Marching Band as the Girl-in-Black. She is currently a sophomore majoring in Psychological Sciences. Aiken is from Jeannette, PA and has been competing both individually and on a team since 2008. She is a member of Team USA World Baton Twirling Team.

New to the position of Miss Boilerette, Katie Harris will be taking the field as the 4th person to hold the title. Currently a sophomore studying Interior Design, Harris held the position of Silver Twin for the past season. Miss Boilerette was originally part of the Purdue Twirling program during the 2009-2010 season and has been a fixture in

the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band since 2018.

The Purdue “All-American” Marching Band is pleased to have current sophomore, Alexa Lytle of Englewood, CO and current freshman, Alana Diedrick of Broadview, OH as the 2022-23 Silver Twins.

Lytle is majoring in Geology and Geophysics and Diedrick is major in Biomedical Health Sciences Pre-Dental. Both are currently members of the Purdue All-American Twirling Team.

In addition, eight students were offered spots on the All-American Twirling Team to round out the Purdue Twirling program. They include returning twirlers, junior

Caroline Hawkins, sophomore Jack Matthews, current freshman Emma Alexander, and incoming freshmen Clara Berg, Lili Breunig, Anna Hardesty, Dallas Ingle, and Bailey Wyatt.

All twirlers and band members are required to audition for positions annually, and candidates must be admitted to Purdue University in order to qualify for solo auditions. We are thrilled to welcome our new team to Purdue this fall. They will make their debut performance on Saturday, August 20, when the 137th edition of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band takes the field for their End-Camp Performance.



Londonderry High School graduate Emily Cowette will serve as the 32nd Purdue Golden Girl. Courtesy photo

Eversource Launches Program to Help with Utility Bill Forgiveness

Eversource is offering an additional energy assistance option for customers in the Granite State. The New Start program in New Hampshire is an arrearage forgiveness program that helps income-eligible customers eliminate the outstanding balance on their account at the time

of enrollment in as little as 12 months by forgiving a set portion of that balance with each on-time, monthly payment by the customer. Enrollment in New Start for Eversource customers in New Hampshire begins today, March 28.

To be eligible, customers must have a

financial hardship status on their account and have a past due balance of \$150 or more that is 60 or more days past due. “With many of our customers and communities continuing to face financial difficulties due to the pandemic and other challenges, the need for enhanced ener-

gy assistance options is as great as ever,” said Eversource Vice President of Customer Operations Jess Cain. “New Start is an established and proven model to help support customers by getting them caught up on their bill, also ultimately saving all of our other customers from long-term costs.”

In addition to New Start, Eversource offers and helps connect customers to a variety of assistance and payment programs, including the

New Hampshire Electric Assistance Program, Neighbor Helping Neighbor and federal and state programs such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program and New Hampshire Homeowner Assistance Fund.

Payment plans are also available to all customers to pay their past-due balance over a period of time, and any customer enrolled in a payment plan who is cur-

rent with their payment terms cannot have their service disconnected. Customers can visit Eversource.com to learn more about the available payment programs and resources, or sign up for New Start in just a few simple steps. They can also call Eversource at 844-273-7760. For more information on how to apply for federal energy assistance, visit 211nh.org. For more information on rental and homeowner assistance programs, visit homehelpnh.org/.

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Rabies Clinic

The Londonderry Clerks Office and Londonderry Animal Clinic LLC, will be hosting a Rabies Clinic, at Town Hall in the Moose Hill Conference Room located at 268B Mammoth Road, on April 9, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pets must be on leash or in a carrier, \$20 per vaccination. Please Bring Proof Of Previous Rabies Vaccination. Proceeds will go to benefit Survivor's Paws Animal Rescue. Clerks will be there to help get your pets registered. Payments in the form of Cash or Check made payable to "Town of Londonderry" are acceptable.

50+ Softball

Enjoy a fun night out and play some softball.

Looking primarily for Londonderry residents at least 50 years old to play in our town softball league, although some non-residents may be eligible. The Group plays on Tuesday nights at Londonderry's Nelson Rd., field starting the end of April and going until September/October. If interested or need more information contact Jim Edwards at 603-432-5720 or email him at jimedwards48@comcast.net.

Lafa Cleanup Day

Lafa Field Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, starting at 9 a.m. A family must participate for 3 hours in order to get their Field Cleanup deposit returned. When you arrive, you MUST check in with Lafa registration team and you

MUST check out in order to receive credit. Please arrive no later than 10 a.m. Please Bring any equipment such as wheel barrels/tarps/rakes/leaf blowers/weed trimmers/hedge trimmers/gloves/paint supplies and any other equipment that could be helpful.

Into the Breach

The Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry will host "Into the Breach", eight weekly sessions on what it means to be a Christian man and how to embrace masculine virtues in a world in crisis. The sessions will run Tuesday evenings from April 26 to June 14. Learn more: two-minute video and info at bit.ly/itb-video. Register at bit.ly/itb-sta.

Midrash and Moses

The Midrash and Moses presented by Rabbi Peter Levy on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m., in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. Just in time for Passover, Rabbi Levy will talk about this fascinating subject. They will explore the midrash that will bring new insights and understandings into a very critical and complex time in the evolution of our people. The talk will be in person. This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Masks are optional, and our building is equipped with a REME-HALO air purifier. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

International Festival

The Londonderry High School International Club will host their annual International Festival on April 9 on the Londonderry Town Commons from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (rain location is at the Middle School Gym). The community is welcome to

come and learn about various cultures, watch performances, try new foods, make crafts, and learn dances.

"Library After Dark"

On Wednesday, April 13 from 6:30 - 8:45 p.m., Leach Library will host a special after-hours movie night in the adult room! Join the library staff for a showing of Disney's live-action movie Beauty and the Beast along with refreshments, raffle prizes, and a selfie photo booth. PJs and costumes are welcome. Registration is required and opens on Monday, April 4 at 10 a.m. For further information, please call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Volunteers Needed

The Londonderry Blues Festival, a fundraiser for Veterans, which will happen on Aug. 27, is seeking volunteers. If you are interested please attend the meeting on April 2, at 9 a.m., at The Dunkin' Donuts on 102 next to BP gas. For more information call Denis at 603-303-0352.

Republicans Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 7-8:30 p.m., the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC)

will meet at 78 Litchfield Rd. They are continuing their program of hearing from 2022 Federal candidates. Members, friends, and affiliates will learn the latest on legislative actions directly from State Representatives who regularly attend meetings. For more information contact Chairwoman Liz Thomas at eathomas@comcast.net.

Food Drive

Derry Village Rotary helps support ending 68 hours of hunger which supplies weekend food bags for our Derry children to take home so they have meals over the weekend. Most of these students partake of the reduced cost breakfast/lunch program but have no other means for food while not in attendance at the schools. Rotary helps the Ending 68 Hours of Hunger program in town by distributing the food bags to the schools. Courtney Cashman and a group of volunteers bag the food that is needed. What's needed: Non-Perishables for all meals, including snacks, protein bars Their food supply is getting low and if you would like to help go to Ending 68 Hours of Hunger website: Derry - **Continued on page 15**

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - March 21
12:35 a.m. Unlawful Activities investigated on Hancock Drive.
1:34 p.m. Welfare Check investigated at Power Lines on High Range Road
2:41 p.m. Wires Down and Hazard removed on Hillside Avenue at Dickey Street.
7:32 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Laurel Avenue in Plaistow. Heather Prescott, 29, of Plaistow, charged with Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

Tuesday - March 22
12:23 a.m. Assisted the

Londonderry Fire Department with services at All American Assisted Living on Button Drive.
8:55 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on West Road at Continental Park.
10:41 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Davis Drive.
1:30 p.m. Tobacco Violations investigated at Londonderry Middle School.
2:47 p.m. Services rendered for Wires Down on Gary Drive at Kim Avenue.
9:20 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Woodhenge Circle.

Wednesday - March 23
10:50 a.m. Three officers render services for a Welfare Check at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.
11:43 a.m. Trespassing investigated on Kim Avenue.
12:13 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by six officers on Fieldstone Drive.
4:08 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Bear Meadow Road.
5:22 p.m. Arrest made after a motor vehicle accident on Grenier Field Road at Webster Lane.
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State Announces Launch Of Homeowner Assistance Fund Program

Recently, the State of NH announced the launch of the new federally-funded NH Homeowner Assistance Fund (NH HAF) program, established through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) in partnership with the NH Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA).

The NH HAF pro-

gram will provide relief to eligible residents struggling to pay their mortgage, property taxes, utility bills, and other housing costs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are being accepted and reviewed for eligibility, and payments to providers are expected to begin later this month.

As part of the NH HAF program launch, an extensive statewide outreach campaign will inform struggling homeowners and other stakeholders about the program. Additionally, community navigators are also available to assist homeowners with the application process.

The NH HAF program offers three types of

assistance, with a total maximum benefit per property of \$20,000:

- Mortgage Loan Reinstatement - funds for delinquent mortgage payments

- Property Charges Default Resolution - funds for delinquent property taxes, homeowner insurance, homeowner association or condominium fees/dues,

and co-op maintenance or lot rents

- Utility/Internet Payment Assistance - funds for delinquent utility (electricity, gas, heating fuel costs, and internet payments)

To learn more about program eligibility, to review Frequently Asked Questions, or to submit an application, please visit the application por-

tal, available at HomeHelpNH.org. Individuals may also call 2-1-1 to get assistance.

Regardless of a homeowner's eligibility for the NH Homeowner Assistance Fund, housing counseling and legal services (often at no or low cost) are available to those who require additional assistance.

Around Town

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End 68 Hours of Hunger
www.end68hoursofhunger.org/find-your-community/new-hampshire/derry/

Tennis Camp

Londonderry Tennis Camp has announced the spring and summer sessions for ages 7-13 year olds to learn to play tennis. The spring program will begin on Saturday, April 23 and will run on consecutive Saturdays for 5 weeks. The cost is \$156, with early bird special pricing of \$135 if payment is received by

April 8. The summer program will run for 2 consecutive weeks, the week of July 11 and 18. More details to follow. If you have any questions or want to register your child, email londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com.

GriefShare

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You are not alone. We invite you to attend a GriefShare support group taking place at Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. Choose between an IN PERSON daytime session which meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., beginning on

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Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is back with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - noon must be 65 or better to participate. It cost \$3 per meal. Make reservations and reserving your space. Call Jess at 603-434-5148.

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Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Sunshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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Police Log

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Donald Robbins, 33, of Manchester, charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

6:28 p.m. Disturbance at Mushiield Company on Ricker Avenue leads to an arrest made by five officers. Rochdiel Oyola, 18, of Gardner, Mass., charged with three counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

8:14 p.m. Services rendered for keeping the peace on Hancock Drive.

11:18 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Welfare Check on Norwich Place.

Thursday - March 24

8:35 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers at the Londonderry Town Hall.

10:04 a.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from the Wallace Farm Apart-

ments on Bridle Path. Eric Singerhoff, 28, of Londonderry charged with Involuntary Emergency Admission.

3:06 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Hancock Drive.

3:37 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at the Londonderry Middle School.

Friday - March 25

9:03 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

10:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made at the Medical Park on Buttrick Road. William Childs, 34, of Salem charged with: Disobeying an Officer; Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Driving After Revoked/Suspended License; and Speeding 16-20 miles per hour over limit of 55 or less.

12:02 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on Oak Drive. Ludwig Haken, 37,

of Londonderry, charged with: Two counts of Second Degree Assault (Strangulation); and three counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact).

1:12 p.m. Sexual Offender Registration investigated on Cross Road.

1:51 p.m. Sexual Offender Registration investigated on Davis Drive.

2:47 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Chapparel Drive.

7:11 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Sherwood Road.

8:50 p.m. Welfare Check made by five officers leads to an arrest made on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments. Laurel Bernier, 46, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Trespassing.

Saturday - March 26

10:36 a.m. Larceny/For-

gery/Fraud Investigated on Haywood Road.

5:23 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Welfare Check at the Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive.

5:30 p.m. Three officers perform a Welfare Check on Hillcrest Lane.

7:16 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Park Avenue at White Plains Avenue.

Sunday - March 27

12:23 a.m. Four officers make an arrest after a Disturbance at the Main Street Apartments on Main Street. Kody Thorpe, 18, of Londonderry charged with: Vehicular Assault; Resisting Arrest/Detention; and Unlawful Possession/Intoxication.

1:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at RebelFit. Eric Lohman, 32, of Methuen, Mass., charged with possession of Controlled

Drug (Schedule 1-4).

11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Litchfield Road at Silas Rock Drive. Three officers assist with charging Romuald Katanga, 25, of Man-

chester on Bench Warrants.

9:13 p.m. Peace Restored by five officers after a Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7 p.m. in Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

Public hearing on a waiver request to Section 6.01.c & d of the Londonderry Site Plan Regulations to allow the issuance of a certificate of occupancy prior to completion of all site improvements, 11 Ricker Ave., Map 28 Lots 22-29, Zoned IND-II, 11 Ricker Avenue Fee Owner (Owner & Applicant)

Public hearing pursuant to RSA 231:158 for removal and trimming of trees by the Londonderry Department of Public Works along Adams Road, a state designated scenic road

Public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance Section 4.2.1.4 Livestock as it relates to changing the acreage necessary and amount of poultry allowed in the AR-1 district. The full text of the amendment is available at the Planning & Economic Development Department, the Town Clerk's Office, and the Leach Library.

Public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance adding a new section entitled 4.6.8 Groundwater Protection District. The full text of the amendment is available at the Planning & Economic Development Department, the Town Clerk's Office, and the Leach Library.

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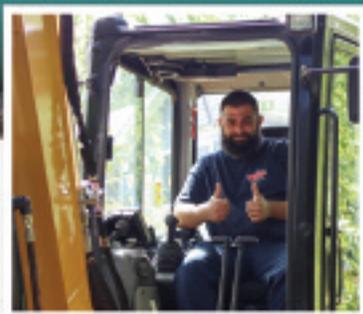
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