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ver twenty parents and Fojo Law filed a lawsuit against three New Hampshire school districts on July 2 regarding mask mandates in school.

Following the ongoing School Board meetings discussing the mask requirements in schools, 11 families in town are suing the Londonderry School Dis-

Regional School District.

According to Fojo's statement on the official Fojo law website, the lawsuit claims that the districts have violated the RSA 126-U:4 statue which "prohibits schools from requiring restraints on children that restrict their breathing or that restrict the normal function of a portion of their bodies.'

trict with Robert Fojo of alleges that wearing a Fojo law as well as the mask has physically long-term health conse-Epping School District harmed students by

and the Timberlane causing rashes and acne on their faces for extended periods of time.

"These problems have caused them to be afraid, suffer anxiety, and experience headaches," Fojo said in his statement. "Those issues, in turn, make it difficult and uncomfortable for them to participate meaningfully in inperson instruction. They can also cause psycho-The lawsuit also logical and physiological effects, as well as

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Resumes Breanne Eggers balances a ball in a cone during the relay races held at the Summer Rec program at South School on Tuesday. The program started up again after a year off due to COVID-19. More photos on page 7. Photo by Chris Paul

School Board Selects Its Reopening Task Force

CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

for the reopening of Londonderry schools for the 2021-22 school year, and part of that plan for the school district is to choose

Committee.

lans are underway July 6, the Londonderry ted their names to the School Board held a special meeting for members to make their recommendations for that committee.

members for the Re- comment taken at the opening Plan Task Force meeting, and candi-

dates were chosen from On Tuesday night, those who had submitdistrict.

School Board Chairman Michael Saucier started by explaining the three charges that There was no public would be expected by the committee.

continued on page 10 face window service.

Planning Board Oks Bank at Woodmont Commons

Kaitlin Bedell LONDONDERRY TIMES

passed a conditional approval of a site plan for a new addition to the Woodmont Commons during their Wednesday, July 7, meeting.

The site plan was for a new one story bank on the corner of Michael's Way and Garden Lane in the Market Basket plaza in town. This property will be placed on approximately one acre of land.

This area currently resides as a parking lot but will be transformed into an Enterprise Bank with a drive through for both ATM and face to

A representative for Enterprise bank came The Planning Board before the board to present the site plan.

> The site plan follows all of the Planning and Urban Development (PUD), with the exception of one modification that the applicants came to request from the board.

> Under the PUD, there is a requirement that the building must meet a 30 percent transparency for window layout within the design. Since the site plan is for a bank, the applicants said they did not think this rule makes sense for their building.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux also said that she did not think this requirement

"I would echo what Jeff said, I think attempting to hit a 30% transparency just for the sake of hitting that number wouldn't fit the character of the building," Mailloux said.

Member Ann Chiampa, Member Jeff Penta, and Secretary Al Sypek all also said that they agreed that the transparency rule would

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Residents Hope to Add Sensory Addition to Playground

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7 atie Keelie is almost singlehandedly trying to raise money for adaptive playground equipment for Londonderry Playground. She's had help from neighbors, family and friends but the task has been mostly on her shoulders.

Keelie proposed the idea of sensory equipment to Recreation Director. Art Psaledas who told Keelie the town had no budget so she was on her own to fund the project. Art connected Keelie with local occupational therapist,

Jenelle Psaledas, who Keelie was a first-time adaptive swing that is molded and has a harness for children that may not be able to sit up unassisted.

purchase the special equipment and have it installed is \$25,000. The will cost \$15,000.

On February 09, 2016. Katie Keelie welcomed identical twin Chase boys, and Cameron into the world.

helped select the best mother and didn't think equipment to install. there was anything dif-They chose two sets of ferent about her childrums and chimes, a dren. When they visited wheelchair accessible their pediatrician at 18 merry-go-round and an months old, the doctor told their mom that he suspected the boys had The Keelie's autism. were in disbelief and rejected the idea. He The total price tag to was wrong. Their boys were fine. The twins were put on a waiting list to see specialists at merry-go-round alone Boston's Children's Hospital for further assessment. After several months and lots of insurance red tape, just one day before their second birthday, the boys

seconded by Member Jeff Penta and the Board voted affirmative.

The Board also voted "As a Planning Board for a conditional approval of a site plan, which was motioned by Sypek and seconded by Member Jake Butler. The rest of the Board also carried the motion unanimously.

> The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled to take place on July 14 at 7:00 pm.

> Those who wish to attend the next meeting can do so in person at the Moose Hill Conference Room or they can attend virtually by clicking the link listed on the town's website.

were diagnosed with non-verbal autism at Boston Children's Hospi-After the initial shock and grief, she accepted the challenges and works hard for the twins continued development and success. Currently, she is working on a master's degree in

The boys are now five years old and have just started kindergarten. Keelie says there are certain times when the grief resurfaces. She was at the playground with Cameron and Chase recently and watching other children play. When she got home later that day she began googling. Who was running the playground? What could

equipment on the playground for kids like her twins and give all kids a chance at playing like other children?

To date, Keelie has been able to raise over \$4,200 and was able to purchase the first piece of equipment, an adaptive swing, which will be installed soon on the playground. All of the sensory additions will be installed near the front of the playground which will have to be cleared to accommodate each piece. She is hopeful she can get local businesses involved to raise the additional \$21,000 and fulfill the dream of a space where her boys and others like them can play.

Zoey Durand, who she do to get adaptive just completed the 4th playground addition.

grade at Matthew Thornton Elementary, recently donated \$110.00 to the project. The 10-year-old is part of the IGYB Club (I've Got Your Back). This summer, Zoey's family had a yard sale and she decided to sell some of her own toys and books to raise money. She chose to donate all of the money she earned to the Londonderry Playground to help build the sensory area.

PLAYGROUND

SENSORY ADDITION

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The Londonderry Police Association is hosting a fundraiser golf scramble for the cause in late August.

Those interested in donating can write a check to "The Town of Londonderry" C/O Justin Campo, Town Finance Director and reference

Continued from page 1 not be necessary for because of the intent and design of the structure.

The board also discussed concerns they had regarding the confusion there could be for visitors leaving the bank.

the Woodmont area, board members said they thought it might be difficult for cars to find their way out of the lot to get back to the nearing Route 102.

Chiampa recommain road. The board also said that they liked the design of the building altogether.

Member, the design of this building is one of the nicest designs we've seen come through in a long time," Chiampa said. "I congratulate you

Another board mem-Due to the layout of ber said that he thinks the building will be a "big improvement" from what is currently placed in that area.

Sypek motioned to approve the PUD modification request in terms of window transparency mended that the bank so that the bank would includes signs that guide not have to reach 30 per-

customers back to the cent. The motion was Do you need your High School **Credential? Derry Center for Adult Studies** Free 8 week HISET Prep Program July 6 - Aug. 26, Tuesday/Thursday 6 - 8:30 PM Marion Gerrish Community Center - Derry Also offering ESL Conversation class - email for info Information at derryadulted@sau10.org Register at derryadulted.sau10.org/abehiset

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Reopening

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One, to study the and recommends elements of that plan that ing of operations should should be used in the public health concerns upcoming school year.

recommend safety

plan and three, to assist the school board and the school district staff with the establishment current reopening plans of standards for conditions under which altermake that necessary in Two, would be to the coming years.

Saucier went on to measures that should explain that the a call be added to the existing went out for candidates

for this task force and applications were accepted for about five to six days and they received a total of 89 applicants for the 15 members that will be appointed.

There were a number of recommendations made by the superintendent's office, and those choices were shared with the school board through email, but members were free to choose whomever they wished.

The first order of board was to decide whether or not to appoint the chairman of tee and by the end of the committee. Members decided to let the committee decide that when they have their first meeting.

The group chose Bob Slater as their liaison for the committee.

The new committee was broken down into three categories. One was for seven parents, another for five school staff and the third will be for three community at large positions.

Each of the school business for the school board members were asked to give the nominations for the commit-

the special meeting, 14 members were chosen.

Those members are: Chad Franz. Caroline Edwards, Donna Traynham, Lindsay Haarlander, Kaylie Matos-Stewart, Tim Porter, Regan Sochanek, Amy Bahan, Brian Costigan, Kim Lindley-Soucy, Jennifer LaBranche, Kelly Douglas, James Green, George Herrmann and Danielle Richards.

Four Alternate seats were also appointed, those were: Sharon Barker (Community), Katie Miller (Staff), Tiffany Blessing-Gagnon

(Parent) and Tracy Ramshaw (Parent).

The first meeting of the newly formed committee was scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, after the Londonderry Times went to press, the task force was expected to name the Chairman. Vice Chair and Secretary and also take public comment.

The committee was also expected to review the charge of the committee, review the existing Reopening plan, discuss goals and decide on the dates and times of future meetings

OBITUARY

June Catherine Sheehan



June Catherine Sheehan, 68, of Londonderry, NH passed away Wednesday July 7, 2021 at Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH after a lengthy battle with cancer. June was born March 9, 1953 in Dorch-

ester, MA, a daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine (Poskis) Haley. She was raised and educated in Everett, MA and was a long-time resident prior to relocating to Londonderry in 1985.

June had been an employee of Shaw's for 35 years, as a florist and floral manager. She had a lifelong love for flowers. She loved the beach and ocean as well as working out in the yard. She will always be remembered for her "morning Pepsi" and her love for her granddaughter Ava. June enjoyed the time she spent with Ava on their many adventures to the park or the beach. Most of all, she was enjoying watching Ava grow up.

Members of the family include her daughter, Jennifer C. Sheehan, her son and his wife, Robert M. and Kim Sheehan and her only grandchild Ava Pickering. June was predeceased by her beloved husband of 43 years Robert J. Sheehan in 2019.

Calling hours were held Tuesday July 13 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 1 South St., Londonderry. The burial will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett, MA. Covid-19 Restrictions have been relaxed, however; at the family's request, visitors to the funeral home are still asked to observe social distancing wherever possible during services. To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Lawsuit

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Fojo's statement said that the lawsuits are aiming to issue an emergency order which will restrain the three school districts from requiring masks for the 2021-2022 school year whiles still allowing students to continue attending in person classes.

In a recent email correspondence, Fojo stated that that the statue that the lawsuit was filed under is "broadlyworded" in terms of its restriction of face coverings for children and tricts.

that it can "easily be construed" to apply to masks in schools.

"There is no emergency or urgent need to have children wear masks in schools," Fojo said in the email. "There are numerous studies showing masks have done nothing to curb the spread of COVID-19, and there are recent studies showing masks harm children because they restrict their ability to breath properly."

Since the initial lawsuit was filed, Fojo and the families involved are now undergoing the process of serving summons to the school dis-

Fojo said that so far, they have motioned for a "preliminary injunction" which is "request for a preliminary order enjoining the school district from enforcing its mask requirement."

The hearing for this motion will take place on Sept. 2 and Fojo said "confident" he feels about the case.

Due to the ongoing status of the case, families involved with the lawsuits were advised by the attorney not to comment on the situation

of Member "Unmask Our Kids" Facebook group Meagan Lloyd said that making masks optional for the next school year is the groups' only objective at this point.

"It's about medical freedom at this point, and that's exactly what the lawsuit is trying to accomplish; so that masks can remain a recommendation, but never be made a requirement again," Lloyd said.

Lloyd also added that she wanted residents to know that her group had been accused of being members of the Proud Boys group and that she can "assure" people that they are not associated with those individuals.





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Editorial

Free Speech Worth Fighting For

Why are we so quiet?

The First Amendment entitles you to use your voice, to hold your elected officials accountable.

It is important to use your voice and question decisions you don't agree with or understand.

Free speech did not come cheap or easy; many people died and made sacrifices on our behalf so we as free Americans could enjoy this right.

Freedom of speech gives you the opportunity to express thoughts, opinions, views, and ideas without restrictions or obstacles.

It's ones right to speak without being censored.

The freedom to express ourselves is becoming more and more limited. You have the right to write letters to your elected officials about any topic that is of concern to you.

It is even better to come to public meetings and voice your concerns and opinions on how you feel about a particular topic in a public forum.

Question everything.

You have nothing to lose and lot to gain; there is nothing to

Free speech is critical for individuals. It is very important that people have the right to say what they feel, express their ideas, and

question authority. It is important to understand and question policy issues or politics and not fear punishment as a result.

Each of us possesses the right to express our views, and freely support candidates and groups of our choice.

In a dictatorship you lack this right to speak freely. There is no ability to criticize or question the government. Our form of government allows complete control by the state even though government is meant to work for the people.

That is why our Founders inscribed this freedom as the first right in the Bill of Rights.

One could say that free speech is useful for developing and testing ideas in search of

If all you hear is only one voice, you are left with a very unbalanced perspective. That is why it is good to have many points of view.

If you agree that free speech is government essential. that should not restrict its critics, and that everyone has the right to support any cause they believe in, then it is time to reclaim your independence and freedom. I hope to see you speaking at meetings, sending and reading your letters in our paper.

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Letters

Changes have Consequences

I extend this letter to

the "Never Trumpers".

While Trump was occupied

To the editor,

with creating the best economy ever, bringing peace to the Middle East, employment among minorities at all time high, standing tall among adversaries, southern boarder controlled, energy independence and working at warp speed to developed a Corona virus vaccine, etc. At the same time he was being falsely accused of Russian collusion. Do vou "Never Trumpers" remember congressman Adam Schiff? He is a sly wicked man who had ir-colluded with Russia. A bold faced lie of witch he is expert. A failed impeachment. With a raging News Media at her side, Pelosi charged ahead with an attempted impeachment. This also fell flat. Pelosi, her cronies and the ever-ready News Media put on a show, laughed at by the country. Never the less, the Dems wanted change. They did this by replacing a strong bombastic President. Changes have consequences. The consequence here resulted in electing a meek, mild, stumbling and at times incoherent man receiving no respect from adversaries. This man. Joe Biden! Had he not made any changes to what was handed to him by the Trump administration he would be in a far better position today. However changes were made and unwelcomed consequences followed. We helped Russia to produce more energy while diminishing ours. Sounds like Russian collusion to me. We

Southern boarder no longer exists. Inflation is rampant.

Biden's greatest personal problem, which he continues to lie about and is abetted by the White House hiding it, is favorite Son Hunter. Biden professes to no little of Hunters behavior. Hunter is like a stone in his father's shoe. It hurts badly but father knows not how to remove it.

Are these the results "Never Trumpers" hoped for? Realized or not your wanted changes have brought about unwanted consequences!

> Dr. Paul J Minnillo Londonderry

To the editor

I recently went to the fire station to renew my seasonal burning permit. As it turns out, burning permits are still filled out online. It's no surprise the pandemic has changed the way we used to do everything. I used to be able to stop into the fire station at anytime to get a permit or even just to say hi. Now, in order to limit the risk of exposure to COVID, the Fire Department has had to limit access to the new building for just about a year now. While I was there, I ran into Battalion Chief Jeremy Mague, who was on shift that day. I asked if he could give me a quick tour so that I could share the experience with others.

We were in the Main Lobby, which is just to the right of the big overhead doors. It's the main entrance to the fire station for the public. In the lobby, there are two windows. One is for cusare back to relying on tomer interaction with

OPEC for energy. Our the Fire Department's Executive Assistant. The other is for interaction with the Fire Department Dispatcher. I couldn't help but notice the tribute to the World Trade Center to the left. BC Mague said Fire Chief O'Brien worked with many other people to get a piece of steel from the World Trade Center.

> From the Lobby, BC Mague directed me to an area secured with a keypad. This was the Administrative Wing of the fire station. It contains mostly offices and a conference room. Here, you can find the Chief and his assistant, the Fire Prevention officer, and a large training room. Through an ordinary door in the main hallway, BC Mague pointed out the dispatch center. He explained the dispatch center was built with security and privacy in mind. Londonderry provides dispatch services for not only Londonderry, but Hampstead and Pelham as well. The dispatch room is equipped with a separate restroom and kitchenette in order to meet the needs of the employees for the entire shift.

> We exited the Administrative Wing and headed out to the apparatus area. BC Mague told me the two outside apparatus bays were additions that were built during the construction project. The other four bays were originally part of the existing fire station that was built back in the 1970's. They were preserved during construction. The bay doors were made taller in order to fit the trucks that always seem to be getting bigger!

> If you walk across the bays, you eventually come to what was described as the Operations Wing. It's

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Letters

Continued from page 4 a two-story section of the fire station where the firefighters live and work. The first floor had a couple of offices for the fire officers. It also has several areas to perform maintenance on the fire trucks and other life saving equipment. In the corner, there was a nice exercise room for physical fitness. The largest room was a "Gear Room." It is where the firefighters stored their fire gear when not on duty. They used to store it on racks located out in

the bay with the trucks. It was dirty and there wasn't a lot of room. Now the focus is on protecting the firefighters from the cancer-causing byproducts of fire. Across the hall from the gear room, BC Mague showed me the Decon Room. It's a place to wash dirty firefighting gear and allow firefighters to take a shower. This keeps the dirty stuff out of the fire

The second floor of the Operations Wing is where the firefighters "live." Since their shifts are 24 hours long, they need a place to eat and rest. The kitchen

was a great improvement from the old station. There is plenty of room to cook. The old station's kitchen was cramped and was difficult to use. The rest of the area was set aside for living quarters and storage.

Overall, the new fire station is a great improvement from what they had before. I remember when the original station was built, nearly 50 years ago. Many volunteers were on hand to build it up from the ground. Now, modern technology and building methods will provide a great facility for our firefighters for years to come. It's a shame there

house" after the nearly twoyear construction process. Hopefully we can revisit this when things return to normal!

> David Lundgren Londonderry

Democrat's Crime Wave

To the editor,

Crimes in cities controlled by Democrats are out of control. Instead of cracking down and restoring law and order, city leaders have slashed police budgets with officers now being told to

couldn't be a real "open stand back and stand down. City leaders have reduced the size of their police forces, stripped billions from police budgets, removed qualified immunity for police officers, introduced cashless bail, stopped prosecuting violet crimes and let violent criminals out of jail. Predictably, violent crime skyrocketed in cities like New York, Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit and Minneapolis; all Democrat governed. Homicides nationwide in the 1st Otr of 2021 increased 24% over 1st Qtr 2020; and 49%

higher than 1st Otr 2019 with black and brown Americans disproportionately being murdered. As of May, NY City alone had 17.4% more murders, 73% more shootings and 24.9% more car thefts than at the same point in May 2020. May polls indicate mounting concern among American voters about the crime surge. 73% think crime is on the rise nationally compared to one year ago. 72% percent said they either had a great deal or a fair amount of trust and confidence in the police.

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Harvard Harris and Pew polls show only 18% of Americans support defunding police. Yet, the radical, socialist Democrat base vilify, advocate defunding and dismantling police forces. An ABC News/Washington Post poll revealed that just 38% of Americans approve of Biden's response to recent nationwide crime spikes; whereas 48% said they disapproved. Democrats now blame the increase in nationwide crime on Republicans. Biden's press secretary declared Republicans had defunded the police by failing to support the American Rescue Plan. While the \$1.9 trillion plan had \$350M designated for state, local and Tribal governments, no money was specifically designated and so named for

of the ARP is for social engineering to hook Americans on government handouts and control. Four months after the ARP was put forward only did Democrats begin attempting to advocate that money was in the ARP for police funding. Americans know a big lie when they hear it. Democrats are not serious about crime: it's about distraction. The crime wave distracts Americans from other more important Democrat agendas like open borders to attract future voters, hooking Americans on stimulus money to secure future indebtedness, the hoax of totally eliminating carbon emissions and packing SCOTUS. Biden, as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee largely wrote and shepherded through the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 calling for mass police funding. The bulk incarceration and man-

dating minimum sentencing that severely impacted black Americans. His comment at the time was "Lock the SOBs Up". Mr. President, what changed your mind with you now not condemning the radical left's push to defunding police and not strongly advocating for additional police funding to combat rising crime rates? Your radical, socialist handlers? Your silence on police defunding and crime surge under your watch will surely play into the 2022 mid-terms to your detriment. Hopefully so.

> Bob Pitre Londonderry

The American Creed

To the editor,

Joe Biden's July 4th message to the nation included reference to the American Creed. With today's WOKE culture it made me wonder how many of his listeners knew what he was referring to. Here is a copy. Note the last paragraph.

The American's Creed by William Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

- Written 1917, accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

> John Bradley Londonderry

No CRT Law

To the editor,

Recently (June 26, 2021) Governor Sununu signed a law prohibiting Critical Race Theory (CRT) in NH. Our state joined about two-dozen other states that have banned or that are in the process of banning CRT. Yet, I noticed the big story didn't elaborate on what the new law specifically said, it was that the "majority (10) of (17) NH Diversity and Inclusion Council members guit because the new law prohibits divisive concepts such as "racism and sexism" from being taught. First, I wondered how many and what types of advisory councils does the Governor have to influence policy? Then after reading the headline, I was compelled to read the text of the Bill. I did what Congress doesn't do, I read the Bill. The law is 1,500+ words.

of HB2 for you. The new

law is to ensure "free-

Here's my summary

dom from discrimination in public workplaces and education" because discrimination based on age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, mental or physical disability, religion, or national origin "not only "threatens the rights and proper privileges of New Hampshire inhabitants but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state and threatens the peace, order, health, safety and general welfare of the state and its inhabitants." Consequently, this new law places prohibitions on public employers, and has specific protections for public employees. Entities that are to comply with the law include: "counties, cities, towns, precincts, water districts, school districts, school administrative units, or quasi public entities". Government contractors are also to be bound to the parameters of this law. The law prohibits employers, employees, and outside contracted workers from teaching, advocating, instructing, and or training, any employee, student, service recipient, contractor, staff member, inmate, or any other individual, group, or anyone that he, she, and or they 1. are inherently superior or inferior to another; 2. are inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously; 3. should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly based on the 14 characteristics of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, mental or physical disability, religion, or national origin. "No public employee shall be subject to any adverse employment action, warning or discipline of any kind for refusing to participate in any training, program, or other activity at which a public employer or government program that advocates, trains, teaches, instructs, or compels participants to express belief in, or support" discrimination and discriminatory factors as stated within this law. No pupil in any public school shall be taught, instructed, inculcated or compelled to express belief in, or support for' the discriminatory factors as stated within this law.

Aggrieved persons may pursue remedies under RSA-354A, RSA-491, RSA-275E, or RSA-98E or any other applicable law. (https://granitegrok.com/blog/2021/06/t he-new-no-crt-and-antidiscrimination-text-from-hb2-in-one-placeshare-it-quote-it-live-it)

I believe this new law helps to sustain the quality of life for all in NH. Thank you to the NH Legislators and Governor Sununu.

> Janet Griffin Londonderry







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Town's Summer Rec Program Up and Running Again





After having to take a year off due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, The Londonderry Summer Recreation program is up and running again at South Elementary School. The five-week program is available to all Londonderry residents and costs \$40 for one child, \$50 for two in a family and \$60 for three or more. Children can participate in a number of activies throughout the month and on Tuesday, July 13, they enjoyed relay races.

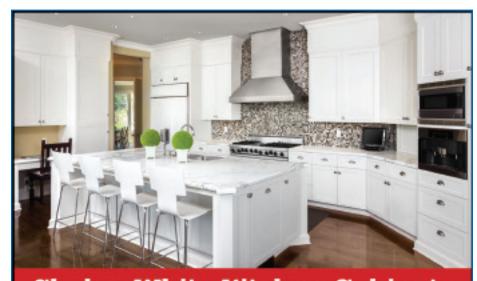
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Track Club Resumes Fun Runs After Two-Week Pause

CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

Runs resumed on Monday, July 12 after taking two weeks off due to the down a bit that night, holiday and the heat.

break last summer runners. thanks to the COVID-19 Pandemic, participants turnout, the GDTC was The Greater Derry were back at the Lon-Track Club (GDTC) donderry High School Kids Summer Fun track to compete for the second time this season.

The numbers were After the races were up for some fun and to end-of-season prizes. In

able to donate 26 bags of food to the St. Jude Food Pantry.

Races for were run in every age group from two-on-up but only ages but 225 runners showed 9-13 are recorded for forced to take a one-year compete against fellow the younger age groups

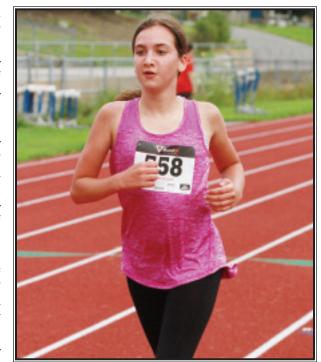
participant Even with the lower receives a ribbon for competing.

> The top three finishers in the final races of the evening are as fol-

For boys 9-year-old: Beckett O'Brien of Londonderry was first for the second week in a row, Evan Bugenhagen of Londonderry was second and Nick Tiney of Sandown was third.

In the girls 9-year-old group: The top three remained the same for the second week in a row. Meghan Mullaney of Derry finished first; Dannicia Leblanc of Fremont was second and Adelynn Mullanev of Derry was third.

The boys 10-year-old group was also the same as the first week's finish. of Derry second; and



Londonderry's Emily Bugenhagen was the first girl to finish in the one-mile. Photo by Chris Paul

was first; Rowan Nichols was third.

Owen Hooke of Derry Jacob Tiney of Sandown

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Londonderry's Lambert Heads To Tokyo For Paralympic Games

LONDONDERRY TIMES

Lambert, was nomiand Field Paralympic team in June of this year when she competed in the women's 100-meter dash in Minneapolis. She came in first place with a finish time of 16.33 seconds. Noelle 61 other athletes to compete in the Summer Paralympics.

held Aug. 24 to Sept. 5 Martha's Vineyard. The and will be broadcast on teammates were riding a NBC networks.

Londonderry and started playing lacrosse and basketball when she was in middle school. She was a very talented multi-sport athlete who played on one of the most competitive teams

in the northeast. When she was in the 10th ondonderry native, grade at Londonderry 24-year-old Noelle High, she heard about a new lacrosse program nated for The U.S. Track developing at University of Massachusetts Lowell. After graduating high school, she decided she would attend and continue with her education and lacrosse aspirations.

In her sophomore was chosen along with year at UMass, Lambert, accompanied by fellow lacrosse teammate and roommate, Kelly Moran, The games will be were on vacation in moped with Lambert Noelle grew up in driving and Kelly Moran riding on the back seat. Having never driven a moped, Lambert lost control and veered left into an oncoming dump



Noelle Lambert

dent it had to be ampuplay tated above the knee.

After the accident Noelle thought her athletic career was over. However, just two years later, Lambert was back on the lacrosse field

college level lacrosse. In 2019, Lambert graduated cum laude from UMass Lowell with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice/Psychology.

badly injured in the acci- above-knee amputee to Run Foundation". She Women's Lacrosse Pro- world.

is dedicated to providing child amputees with very specific prosthetics that will allow them to run again. The specialized prosthetics are very expensive. Lambert claims without the help of a couple of foundations she couldn't have received her own prostheses that has allowed her to run. Since its inception, The Born to Run Foundation has provided at least a dozen amputees with quality designed prosthetics.

Lambert is a popular motivational speaker and has made multiple appearances all around New England and the Para Athletic Champientire country.

She is also a part-Noelle founded the time lacrosse coach at record in the fall of 2019 Lambert's leg was so making her the first non-profit "The Born to Granite State Elite and placed fourth in the

says the accident gave gram. She is currently an her new focus for her ambassador for The future. The organization Challenged Athletes Program and mentor at NubAbility **Athletics** Foundation where she helps disabled children learn how to play sports. She volunteered with Wounded Warrior Project where she served as a mentor to disabled children to learn how to play softball.

> graduation After Noelle Lambert was resolute in continuing her athletic dreams. She set her sights on The United States Paralympic Team. She tried out for the 100meter Track and Field and made the team.

> Lambert went on to compete at the World onship in Dubai and broke the U.S. Women's











Fun Runs

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In the girls 10-year-old group: Emerson Presher of Londonderry took first: Summer Collins of Londonderry was second; and Isley Morrison came in third. of Derry was third.

old race: Patrick Ramsey of Londonderry was first; Miles Herlicka of New Boston was second and Owen Dutil of Lon-

donderry was third.

In the girls' 11-yearold race: Emily Bugenhagen of Londonderry came in first; Madison Doherty of Chester was second; and Jocelyn McGarry of Windham begins each week at 6

In the boys' 12-year-In the boys' 11-year- old race: Theodore Doherty of Chester once July 19, 26, and Aug. 2. again finished first; PJ Sinopoli of Windham was second; and Quinn Morrison of Londonder-

ry was third.

There were no runners this week in the girls' 12-year-old race or the boys and girls 13year-old group.

The free series p.m. at the Londonderry High School Track.

Races continue on Non-perishable food donations are appreciated to help support local food pantries.







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183 Granite Staters to Participate in the 2021 Pan-Mass Challe

Paul Margolin Londonderry Trailways

n Aug. 7 and 8, more than 6,000 bicyclists, including 183 participants from riders from 47 states and New Hampshire, will 11 countries will once take part in the annual Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), a two-day 211mile bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, with the goal of raising \$52 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The PMC is the nation's single most successful athletic fundraiser, donating 100 percent

tor, accounting for 64 percent of its Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. For the first time since 2019, more than 6,000 again hit the road together during the first weekend of August with the common goal of making an impact in the fight against cancer. In 2020, the PMC raised an impressive \$50 million through its summer-long Reimagined campaign, bringing its 41-year contribution to \$767 million.

of every rider-raised dol- 16 routes - from 25 to 211 lar to Dana-Farber as its miles - designed to cater

and fundraising ability, including Reimagined options for those who prefer to complete their PMC ride on their own. Most participate in honor of a family member or friend fighting cancer and more than 950 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered Living Proof(r) of the PMC mission. More than 150 Dana-Farber employees are committed to the cause as riders and volunteers as well, in some PMC 2021 will include cases to fund their own cancer research.

The Pan-Mass Challargest single contribu- to all levels of cycling lenge is a bike-a-thon percent of the Jimmy mation on the Pan-Mass

money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world.

The PMC was founded in 1980 by Billy Starr, who remains the organization's executive director, an annual cyclist and a fundraiser.

The PMC has since raised \$767 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. The event donates 100 percent of every riderraised dollar directly to the cause, generating 64

that today raises more Fund's annual revenue as Dana-Farber's single largest contributor. The PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors, all of which are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift each year. The PMC's hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more infor- Buck will also partici-

Challenge. www.pmc.org or call (800) WE-CYCLE. People can also connect with #PMC2021 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Local area residents participating in the challenge are:

From Chester Ralph Fast and Sarah Muncey.

From Derry are Steven Anthony, Janine Block, Laura Charewicz, Michael Layon and Bob Messier.

From Londonderry are Adam Daneau and Donald Grady.

Sandown's Elizabeth pate.

Londonderry Historical Society to Host "Brass in the Bar

recently announced that on Saturday, July 17 there will be a concert in partnership with Symphony NH.

Brass in the Barn, featuring a quartet of Symphony NH musicians, will take place Saturday, July 17, at 4 p.m. at the Historical Society's grounds on Pillsbury

The Londonderry kets to enjoy this out-ry.org. If you prefer to available in the Orchard including the c. 1760 Historical Society door live music event. Attendees may bring a picnic, or you may purchase bottled water and light snacks on the property. The grounds will be open at 3 p.m. and music begins at 4 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 18. LHS members may purchase tickets at half price. Tickets Road. Guests are invited are available online at will last approximately to bring chairs or blan- www.londonderryhisto- one hour. Parking is

purchase your ticket offline with cash or sales@londonderryhistory.org or Linda Green at 860-428-4419. Tickets will also be available on the grounds the day of the concert. Please contact info@londonderryhistory.org with any questions.

The performance

Christian Church lower Morrison House, the lot next door. Tickets are 1859 Parmenter Barn, check, please contact: nonrefundable, but are the 1840 R.P. Clark Blacktransferrable.

The Londonderry Historical Society's mission is to preserve the best of Londonderry's past for future generations. The society owns several buildings at its

smith Shop, and the Annis-Reynolds Carriage Shed. The Society meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The public is always welcome. Winter meetings are at the 140 Pillsbury Road site, Leach Library, and in the torical Society/.

summer at the site on Pillsbury Road. The LHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible.

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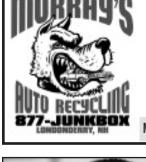
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Summer Cookouts

Please join us for our Summer Cookouts starting on Thursday, July 22 and continuing for three more Thursdays, July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12 from 5pm until 7 p.m. The cost of our Summer Barbecue is \$5 per person. If you are looking for something to do on Thursday nights, please come, enjoy some good food, and enjoy spending time with your friends here at St. Thomas Aguinas Parish, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH. Please call the Parish Office at 432-5000 should you have any questions about our Summer Cookout.

Republicans BBO and Meeting

Annual Family Fun BBQ on July 15 at 5 - 8:30 p.m. at the Londonderry American Legion's backyard, 6 Sergeant Road. The venue includes Mike the DJ and a State Rep who is a chef and will BBQ a whole pig Cuban style. The meal will include hot dogs for the children, assorted salads, baked beans, and dessert. Bring the children and grandchildren for fun games like corn hole, water balloon toss, and face painting. There will be a raffle with great prizes. Dress in your patriotic best. House Republican Speaker Sherman Packard will MC the presentations that includes a keynote speaker and special guests. The cost is \$25 per Members and friends person with children 12 This camp is open to stu- If you have questions or

are invited to the 3rd and under are free. Event sponsorships are available that includes tickets to the event, your name listed in the program, and more. Proceeds from the event will go toward the election of Londonderry Republicans. For more information contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas (603) 437-6090 or at eathomas@ comcast.net. You can pay at the door or pay in advance at www.events. nh.gop/event/londonderry-republican-committeefamily-pig-roast-bbq/

Summer Media Camp

The Londonderry Access Center is pleased to be holding the Summer Media Camp this year. The camp will be held July 26 -Aug. 6, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Silver Award Project



Vanessa MacDonald, 13, a recent Londonderry Middle School grad and Matthew Thornton alum, presented her Silver Award Project to Matthew Thornton Elementary School last month. She spent 54 hours from concept to the finish product of a beautiful picnic table called Pandemic Picnic Pause for the students and staff to enjoy. The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn and the second only to the Gold Award. Only 3 percent of Girl Scouts ever earn this award.

Courtesy photo

dents entering 5th-8th grade in fall 2021. This is a fun exciting camp where kids will learn all aspects of video production. They will produce their own TV shows, and have a screening of all their work at the end of the two weeks, for friends and family to see. Participants must be able

to attend the entire camp.

for more information call Erin at 432-1100 X-185. You can also email ebarry@londonderrynh.org.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Meal Bags to go:

Breakfast on July 17, at St. Thomas Parish from 10 -10:30 a.m.; Lunch on July17, at St. Luke's Church from noon - 12:30 p.m., drive around to back door; Lunch on July 25, at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 -2:30 p.m.; Dinner on July 30 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door; Sonshine Soup Kitchen

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willbe serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Virtual Summer Reading Program

From July 1 - Aug. 31, Leach Library cardholders can register online to participate in a summer reading incentive program. Registered patrons of all ages are encouraged to report the number of books they read during July and Aug., on a weekly

or bi-weekly basis through an online raffle form. Links to the registration and raffle forms are available on the library's website under "Virtual Summer Reading Program". Adult raffle prizes will be drawn twice per month, young adult prizes will be awarded to the top reader(s) in each grade level, and children's raffle winners will be drawn for three age groups. All registered participants in the children's program are also invited to pick up a prize in the children's room between Monday, Aug. 23 and Saturday,

Sept. 4. Virtual programs will be offered on the library's Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel in lieu of a traditional summer reading program. Take-home activities for all ages will be available for pickup throughout the summer. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

Young Adult Craft

Starting on Monday, July 19, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel. Follow

along with Miss Megan as she shares how to make your own bird glider! Craft kits are available by the circulation desk while supplies last.

Story Time

Beginning on Monday, July 26, at 10 a.m., join Miss Jennifer for two "birds of a feather" stories! This story time video will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel until Sept. 30. To reserve the featured titles, please call the library at 432-1132 or sign in to your account on seating will continue to be the library catalog.

Library Summer Hours

Starting the week of June 14, Leach Library will begin offering more walk-in browsing hours for the summer. The library will be open for browsing Monday through Wednesday noon p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. -6 p.m. The Drive-Thru Service will be available by appointment Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. - noon. The library staff will track occupancy on an as-needed basis, and

limited. Services resume at the Children's Circulation Desk. Socially distanced computers remain available on a first come, first serve basis. Meeting rooms will not be available during this phase of reopening. Virtual programs will be offered on the library's Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel in lieu of a traditional summer reading program. Take-home activities for all ages will be available for pickup throughout the summer. For more informa-

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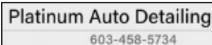
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Monday - July 5 8:31 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the Executive Health Sports Center on Highlander Way.

12:12 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

12:31 p.m. Warrant ser-Island Pond Road, Derry. James Hughes, 62, of Derry charged with Criminal Mischief.

10:30 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Mammoth Road at Litchfield Road. Taken to Family/Guardian.

Tuesday - July 6

dered to keep the peace on Pillsbury Road.

11:54 a.m. Nine officers for render services Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Pettengill Road.

1:22 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious at the MacGregor Cut Activity on Mammoth

Wednesday - July 7 ved and arrest made on 8:53 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Rossini Road.

2:22 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at the Mac-Gregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

5:34 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Mammoth Road.

6:08 p.m. Suspicious 9:11 a.m. Services ren- Activity investigated by

four officers at Skip's Towing on Mammoth Road.

Thursday - July 8 6:39 a.m. Larceny/Forg-

ery/Fraud investigated at Apple Tree Mall on Orchard View Drive.

10:03 a.m. Subject of an Overdose transported to a hospital from Crosby

12:34 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Woodbine Drive.

5:18 p.m. Trespassing investigated at Speedway on Nashua Road.

8:16 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Fieldstone Drive. Christopher Allen, 34, of Lon-

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donderry charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

9:28 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

Friday - July 9

investigated on Gregg Circle

9:15 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Thre- 9:04 p.m. Services ren-Pond Road.

9:19 a.m. Assisted the Cut Londonderry Fire De- Stonehenge Road.

on Boulder Drive.

9:51 a.m. Disturbance reported at the Sleep Inn Old Nashua Road. on Perkins Road leads to 11:03 p.m. Peace restan arrest made by three ored by four officers officers. Sarah Haskell, after a Disturbance on 32, of Manchester charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault-Bodily Injury).

Londonderry Fire De-3:05 a.m. Missing Person partment with transportation to a hospital from Michels Way at Market Basket.

atening on Winding dered for a Welfare Check at the MacGregor Apartments

partment with services 9:39 p.m. Four officers Lane. render services for Neighborhood Disputes on

Beacon Street.

Saturday - July 10

7:27 a.m. Unlawful Activ-10:15 a.m. Assisted the ities investigated on Gilcreast Road.

> 11:45 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Trolley Car Lane.

> **2:48 p.m.** Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Canterbury

3:05 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Renegades Pub. Three officers assist with charging Liam Smart, 20, of Hillsboro with driving an Uninspected Vehicle: Driving after Revoked/ Suspension of License: and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest at Pipe Dream Brewing on Harvey Road. Three offi-

cers assist with charging Stop on Mammoth Road Sabrina Delon, 37, of Manchester on Bench Warrants.

4:50 p.m. Three officers respond to a Medical Emergency on Kitt Lane and Transport subject to a hospital.

10:18 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Harvey Road at Litchfield Road.

Sunday - July 11 **8:54 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an arrest made on Rockingham Road near the YMCA. Eric Young, 30, of Chocura, N.H. charged with Driving after having License Revoked/Suspended.

12:41 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Devonshire Lane.

1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle

leads to an arrest. John Ball. 58. of Lawrence. MA., charged with Drive After Revoked/Suspended License.

1:53 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Devonshire Lane.

2:26 p.m. Six officers investigate a motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road at Londonderry Grange and make arrest. Christopher Townsend, 33. of Dracut, MA., charged with Reckless Operation; Negligent Driving; and Driving After having License Revoked/Suspended.

5:20 p.m. Assault investigated by four officers on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

9:22 p.m. Complaint investigated on Kendall Pond Road at Holly Lane.

Around Town

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tion, please call the library at 432-1132.

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and Free games, groups for older adults every weekday at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, and coffee is provided. Bridge on Mondays at 1 p.m.; Mahjongg at noon and Hand & Foot at 1 p.m., on Tuesdays; Whist at 1 p.m., on Wednesdays; Domino Train at noon on Thursdays; Cribbageand at 9 a.m., and Forty Five's at 1 p.m., on Fridays; The last Friday of the month at 12:30 p.m., a Free movie will play with popcorn and soda. Available to play every day on the lawns during Spring & Summer: Giant Jenga & Connect Four, Backgammon, Chess & Checkers, Yardzee & Farkle, with Bocce and Cornhole on the back lawn. Located at 39 West Broadway, Derry.

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Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom. craft supplies at bit.ly/connectstorytime or email skoza@URteacher.org.

OBITUARY

Lawrence E. Bedell Jr.



Lawrence E. Bedell Jr., 83, of Hillsborough, NH, died Wednesday, July 7, 2021, in Hillsboro House Nursing Home, Hillsborough. He was born in Medford, MA on Aug. 1, 1937, a son of Laurence Sr. and

Mary (Murphy) Bedell.

He is survived by his son, Larry Bedell III; two daughters, Linda Ristaino and Lorna Palumbo; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Lawrence is predeceased by his wife, Margaret (O'Brien) Bedell and his brother, Paul Bedell.

Calling hours were held Sunday, July 11, in Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day in St. Mark's Parish, 1 South Rd., Londonderry. The burial will follow in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Dorothy E. Mercer



Dorothy E. Mercer, 88, of Bedford, NH, passed away Monday July 12, 2021, in Bentley Commons, Bedford, NH. She was born in Salem, MA on Aug. 6, 1932, Dorothy was raised and educated in Salem, MA and grad-

uated from Salem High School. Dorothy married her "Knight in Shining Armor", Clarence Mercer in 1957, they lived in Billerica, MA for 30 years before relocating to, Green Valley, AZ where she also lived for 30 years. Dorothy had been a resident of Bedford for the past 2 years. She was a long-time member of the Methodist Church in Green Valley and a Member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She loved line dancing, sudoku puzzles, butterflies and flower gardening.

She is survived by her son, Charlie Mercer and his wife Cindi of Groton, MA, her daughter, Kathy Walley, of Londonderry; three grandchildren, Kaitlin, Brian and Janelle; four great grandchildren, Genevieve, Gwendolyn, Bryce and Brooklynn; brother-in-law, Frederick Mercer and wife Diane and two sisters-in-law, Winnie Mercer and Lynn Russell; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 56 years, Clarence Mercer. in 2013 and was the last of 8 brothers and sisters.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, July 16, from 4 - 7 p.m., with a service beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Covid-19 Restrictions have been relaxed, however; at the family's request, visitors to the funeral home are still asked to observe social distancing wherever possible during services. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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