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Londonderry resident Morgan Torre was crowned Miss Londonderry by the current Miss New Hampshire Ashley Marsh on Sunday night, July 25, at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. Photo by Chris Paul

Hometown Girl Crowned Miss Londonderry 2021

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After nearly a decade and a half the Miss Londonderry crown has found a home on the head of a hometown girl.

Recent Londonderry graduate and longtime pageant participant Morgan Torre completed her dream of being crowned Miss Lon-

donderry on Sunday night, July 25, at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, and hopes to move on to winning the Miss New Hampshire crown next April.

The title of Miss Londonderry Outstanding Teen was also awarded that night and went to a resident of Londonderry as well. Lon-

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School Board Hears School Buildings Feasibility Study

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the July 20 Londonderry School Board meeting the school board heard a presentation from Lavalle Brensinger Architects who was tasked with doing a feasibility study of the current conditions of the buildings in the district.

Londonderry Assistant Superintendent Dan Black said that the study was part of the beginning of the process for the school district's 10-

year master plan.

"This is a really big process for us, it's something bigger than we've done before," said Black.

The District has also brought on the Trident Group who will be helping the district coordinate its master planning services.

Marc Lehoullier, a project manager for the Trident Group told the school board during the meeting that the first step in the process was for the architects to conduct a facilities study and educational plan

study.

Ann Ketterer, an architect with Lavalle Brensinger, explained that they looked at all the different school buildings in the district.

"We looked at everything you have, the good, bad and the ugly," she said.

The main goal of the study is to determine what is needed in the current spaces in terms of repairs, and also what spaces will be needed to meet current and future educational needs.

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New Reopening Task Force Holds Its Second Meeting

KAITLIN BEDELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The new Londonderry School District Covid-19 Task Force came together for their second meeting to discuss the 2021-reopening plan during the most recent meeting on July 22.

The board discussed their ideas regarding the most recent state and CDC guidelines and reviewed a list of priorities that they had drafted at their last meeting.

Included in the discussion was the board's thought on being mask optional for the school year.

One member brought up the idea that they think the Task Force

should remain in effect throughout the school year so that if COVID cases go up, the board can reevaluate and continue to make decisions based on the health of students and faculty.

Some Task Force members agreed that it would be a good idea to keep the board in affect and that they should try to make going back to school in the fall as normal as possible for the students.

With chairman Chad Franz being absent from the meeting, Vice Chair, Dani Richards conducted things on Thursday night.

She stated, "I think it's important when we talk about health that we

incorporate mental health."

Richards said that in children ages 5-11, mental health related emergency room visits went up by 25 percent. She said that she believes this is largely because of the long-term mask mandates and social distancing that have been in affect in schools.

Task Force member Jim Green said he "hears

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Old Home Day Events Take Place Aug. 18 to Aug. 22

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In last week's Londonderry Times article about the Londonderry Old Home Day celebrations taking place next month had some incorrect dates, which the paper would like to rectify this week.

On Wednesday, Aug. 18, Senior Night will take place at the Lions Hall starting at 4 p.m. with free Bingo consisting of at least 20 prizes.

At about 5 p.m. attendees will be served a

hamburger and hotdog meal by volunteers from the Londonderry Police Department.

Seniors who wish to attend can get their tickets at the Londonderry Senior Center. Anybody hoping to attend must get ticket in advance in order to participate.

There will be a concert featuring Neurotic Gumbo on the Town Common following the meal, starting at 7 p.m. On Thursday night, Aug. 19 day two of the celebration will continue with a

Battle of the Bands. This is a new event this year and takes the place of Kidz Night.

High School Music Director Serge Beaulieu and Joe Mundy are currently organizing the event. The concert will take place on the Town Common starting at 6 p.m. and is open to all age groups.

On Friday night, Aug. 20, the annual Softball game and Fireworks will take place at the Londonderry High School.

The Londonderry vs.

Derry First Responders Softball game will start at 5:30 p.m. and will be played on the high school softball field.

The Fireworks show will take place after sunset and before that, a Big Band will be performing for families at the high school.

On Saturday morning, Aug. 21 the Baby Contest will take place on the Town Common.

The Parade down Mammoth Road will begin at 10:30 a.m. starting at the Londonderry

Middle School.

There will be a Kids Corner set up at the Matthew Thornton parking lot and by the playground.

Booths will be set up on the Town Common and Bandstand activities will take place throughout the day.

The Londonderry Historical Society is hosting some "old tyme" demonstrations, tours of the museum, and pig roast.

A Beer Tent and Cornhole Tournament will take place at the Lions

Hall with food cooked by the Lions.

On Saturday night, the Boot Scootin' Boogie and Country Music Festival will take place at the LAFA Complex behind the firestation.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, the Ecumenical Service and/or Day of Service will take place on the Town Common.

More details can be found on the Town of Londonderry website and the Town of Londonderry Old Home Day Facebook page.

Heritage Commission Reviews Aviation Park Site Plan

KAITLIN BEDELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Heritage Commission came together to discuss an application for a new structure on Aviation Park Drive during their most recent July 22 meeting.

The commission reviewed the renderings and design of the proposed one story warehouse building that is proposed in the plan to be 42,000 square feet.

Initially, the building was supposed to be 50,000 square feet but during the planning

process it was decided that it would be best for the property to be reduced a little bit in size.

At the beginning of the meeting, Shawn Smith brought forward that the Heritage Commission agenda still had the old square footage on the plan, which he wanted to correct.

The applicant, R.J. Kelly Company and owner Burndy had already come before the board in November of 2020 for an application of another structure on the same site. The Commission

approved the first building that was a new, ground up facility.

At that last meeting, months ago, one concern brought up by Council Liaison Jim Butler regarding the first building was the likelihood that it would change the traffic pattern within the area and the only right hand turns will be able to be made for the trucks existing the facility.

Shawn Smith had said that he was aware of these potential changes and included it in his tenant's

lease without objection.

At the meeting about this second proposed warehouse, there was no mention of the possible traffic change that was previously discussed by the commission and did not seem to be a major concern.

Architect Gregory Smith with GSD Associates came before the board in representation of the applicant and said that the goal would be to make this second building look similar to the first one that has already been put up. Specifically, they are looking into

things such as matching colors of siding.

Smith also said that they plan on using metal pieces for the exterior of the structure with a higher capacity of insulation incorporated in them.

Smith passed around two examples of the pieces of material he intends to use for the exterior of the building and also said that this form of insulation is a more environmentally sound opportunity compared to other choices.

The Commission all thought that the material was a good idea and

did not vocalize any issues regarding the second building.

"I'm okay with it, I think it looks good," The Chairman said. "It's industrial so what are you going to do."

The chairman asked the commission members if they had any further questions or concerns regarding the project. After seeing none, the Chairman accepted the application as presented.

The building will continue to undergo the early stages of its development.

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Londonderry School Board Discusses District Office Possibilities

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the last four years the Londonderry School District has leased its district office.

It's why the school district has been seeking possible locations for a new office, for the district.

In December School Board member Bob Slater asked the rest of the school board members if they would be okay with him doing research and looking at different possible properties where the district office could be housed. He was given permission by the board.

After looking at about eight properties, he said that the Town bought land across from Matthew Thornton School.

After talking to Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith, Slater went to the Londonderry

Town Council on June 21 and explained that there could be a possibility that the school district may be interested in using that property to build their new district office on it.

The Council agreed to sit down with the school district if they were interested, he said, since it would be saving the taxpayers money and the school district money.

Slater said that he thinks the district should put together an exploratory committee to see what the cost would be to build a building on the property.

"At this point no one actually knows what it will cost at this time," Slater said. "I wouldn't even want to put a number on it."

One of the positives about the property that Slater pointed out is the fact that it is shovel

ready meaning that there was an existing structure on the property there and was removed.

Another positive that he pointed out is that a year ago the Town proposed putting an annex building on the property to have storage and a couple of offices they need.

Slater said that they could potentially build a big enough building to house both the offices the Town and school district needs and allow the Town to have the space they need.

Slater also pointed

out that the Town isn't necessarily holding the property for the school district, unless they commit to using the property which is one of the reasons why he thinks it's important for an exploratory committee to look at how much it may cost to build a building on the property.

One question that was asked for the school district's chief financial officer Peter Curro, was whether or not there are any places on the district's property where they would be able to build a district office.

He said there aren't

any viable locations.

School Board Vice Chair Jenn Ganem said that she was concerned about creating another committee and thought it would be more appropriate for the facilities committee to look at it.

She did say that she liked the location however, because it's centralized to the district.

School Board Chair Michael Saucier said that he also liked the proposed location.

"I think that's a great spot," he said.

It was ultimately decided to have the facilities committee

meet before their next school board meeting and have Slater report back to the board about what their opinion is about the proposal.

In personnel news the school board approved the upcoming retirement of Curro.

The school board also approved the resignation of Jude Donovan, who worked as a custodian at Londonderry High School, and Ariana Simard, a special education assistant at Moose Hill.

The next Londonderry School Board meeting is slated for Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Task Force

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everybody's concerns" and "respects them" regarding the mental health of children, but that he thinks that people need to look hard at the data and the possibility that COVID cases could rise in the coming months.

The Task Force continued to review several other issues that they had deemed as priorities such as interactions between students and the handling of special education programs this

year.

After going over each of the ideas that the Task Force had come up with so far, the meeting was again opened to public comment where parents and town members shared their thoughts on each of the ideas that the Task Force had come up with.

"Thank you all, I think you're doing a wonderful job and thank you for listening to us," one member of the public said. "I feel that missing at the school board meetings. I don't feel heard there and I really

do feel heard here and I really appreciate that so thank you."

Another parent came to the microphone and said that she was also grateful for the new Task Force and their handling of the meetings.

"I just want to thank you, it's so good hearing all of the conversations going back and forth," the member of the public said. "There wasn't a lot of that happening with the school board, so I feel like this is amazing."

After several parents came up to share their

opinions during public comment, the meeting came to a close.

At the next meeting, the Task Force will begin to vote on some of the priorities they reviewed during the meeting.

Richards said she encourages people to come at the next meeting and speak during public comment prior to their voting and that if anybody cannot attend the meeting but has a comment they would like to share they can send it to Thereopeningplan@londonderry.org.

OBITUARY

Mary E. Falvey



Mary E. Falvey, longtime Londonderry, NH, elementary school educator, is now living happily ever after. She died peacefully at home July 22, 2021.

She and her husband Jack met at Boston College in 1957 and came to New Hampshire in 1968. Their children, Kristine, Jim and Ellen all graduated from Londonderry High School. Mary taught for many years at South School in the readiness program and finished her career at Matthew Thornton as "The Mother of five first grades." She maintained her teaching certification throughout the years preferring to work in support in the classrooms assigned.

Born in Norwich Connecticut May 24, 1939, the celebration of her eternal life is planned with a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday July 28 at Saint Marks the Evangelist Parish, 1 South Road, Londonderry, NH. There are no calling hours. Private burial will be in the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery, Boscawen, NH. Her five grandchildren Sam, Andrew, Caroline, Connor and Julie were lights of her life and the pride of both she and her husband and children. Mary lived a full and religious life and contributed wonderfully to the success of her family. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, CT is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

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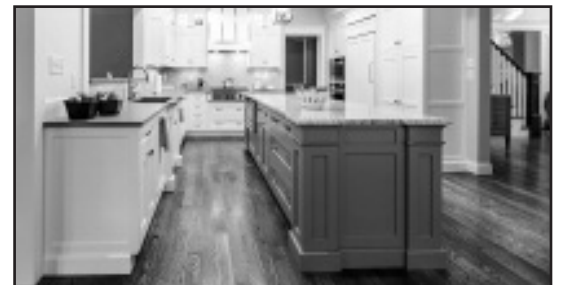
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Editorial

Tasting the Local Flavors

There's been plenty of talk about maintaining a "rural lifestyle" of our communities, while population density is on the rise, along with traffic, one hallmark still prevails and that is the countryside local farm stands and farmers' markets that are thriving in our area, that give us the feel of still being a rural community.

In recent years, farmers' markets have been sprung up throughout the state. We can find them there in Portsmouth and Manchester, and other large communities, that's a boon to residents who want fresh, local fruits and vegetables and either don't have enough land to grow their own or can't get into the countryside to buy them at the source.

But we don't have to worry about that. Our communities are close to the source indeed, they are the source in many cases and you can't get more local.

Derry has a thriving farmers market, and it doesn't plan to cease operations it is growing.

There's something particularly satisfying about residents getting together for a couple of hours a week to shop outdoors. It's not certain what you will find: Flowers, fresh breads, fruits and vegetables, homemade soaps, organic dog biscuits, maple syrup, live music, entertainment, and crafts for the kids, it has something new every week.

Meanwhile, farmers in Derry, Londonderry, Chester, Sandown and Hampstead offer traditional farm stands, where their agricultural boun-

ty is available for residents every day, right at the farm where it's grown, and often with a U-pick option.

Local products and local people come together at all of these ventures, turning shopping for food into a time to visit with friends, maybe find a couple of new recipes, learn about fruits and vegetables that aren't so common, and get healthier in the process.

If you like supporting your neighbors and keeping your dollars local, farm stands and farmers markets are an ideal way to patronize small businesses and strengthen the local economy, cutting out the middle man in the process.

For an added bonus lot of our local restaurants buy their ingredients from local farms and butchers.

The farm stands and farmers' markets hark back to the market days of past centuries, when area residents would come to town to do their weekly shopping and visit with their neighbors.

Living where we do, we don't have to reinvent the wheel to find community and good eating close to home.

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Letters

Perils of Socialism

To the editor,

I recently spoke with a gentleman who immigrated from Cuba at the age of five years with his parents. His is a story worth telling.

He was born in Spain as were many generations of his family. His family was caught up in the Spanish Civil War with his grandfather executed for his political views under general Francisco Franco's regime.

To escape further persecution, his father migrated family to Cuba where he established a successful business until Castro overthrew Fulgencio Batista's dictatorship in 1958.

Castro initially charmed Cubans that he would establish a utopian life. That was a lie as Castro's government nationalized businesses and properties including his father's business and their home given to a party elite.

Taxation went through the roof; farms were taken over with everyone except elites forced to work 12-hour days in the sugar cane fields. My friend's neighbor cut off three fingers on each hand so he would not have to work the cane fields with another hanging himself out of despair of government socialist policies.

With no incentive to produce for profit under socialism, food supplies dwindled resulting in food rationing still to this day. Meat was nonexistent and Cubans were severely punished if they produced goods for themselves not shared with others.

This sharing equally only assured that everyone suffered equally

under socialism. Fortunately, my friend's family was able to immigrate to America where he has made a successful life.

While one might think we will never get to that point in America, under Biden's socialist agenda and future socialist policies if perpetuated by Democrats, your taxes and the national debt will rise to pay for welfare programs. America will become a welfare state where citizens will be beholden to government for their well-being stifling American's incentives to innovate, create and succeed in life base on one's abilities to make a good life for oneself and family.

Our military, the only thing that keeps us safe from our enemies, will be reduced to a shell as the welfare state will take the bulk of taxes to fund its welfare programs.

No nation has ever survived socialism. Cuba is a prime example.

While free money sounds inviting, nothing is free. There's always a price to pay for free stuff. That free stuff is the Democrat socialist agenda of trillions of more stimulus dollars to hook Americans on the idea that government will take care of us through free money. Stimulating what?

The economy is booming with inflation rising due to too much stimulus money chasing too few goods as there are too few employees living off stimulus tax dollars and not producing.

The price to pay for free money and government control of our lives will be America's downfall as the world's preem-

inent economic and military power. Not necessarily by shots fired, but by China and Russia's perception that America is too weak to resist unchecked expansion of their influence worldwide.

Have you had enough of Biden's socialist programs yet?

Bob Pitre
Londonderry

Southwest Drought Causing Water Shortage

To the editor,

Lake Mead at the Hoover Dam is at 37% capacity, which is the lowest level since the 1930s. It provides water to about 40 million people in Nevada, Arizona and California, but a severe drought and diminished snowfall in the Rocky Mountains have significantly reduced the supply of water. Other lakes in the region are at historically low levels.

It appears current water conservation measures will have to continue and probably be expanded in the Southwest along with the reuse of treated wastewater for agriculture.

Although sea water desalination plants are costly, typically about \$4 billion, the people in the Southwest need drinking and agricultural water to survive. There are about 20,000 plants in the world, including a plant near San Diego providing 50 million gallons of water per day to 10% of residents. Another 10 plants operate in California and 10 more are proposed.

Drawbacks of desalination plants include construction costs, high cost to produce the

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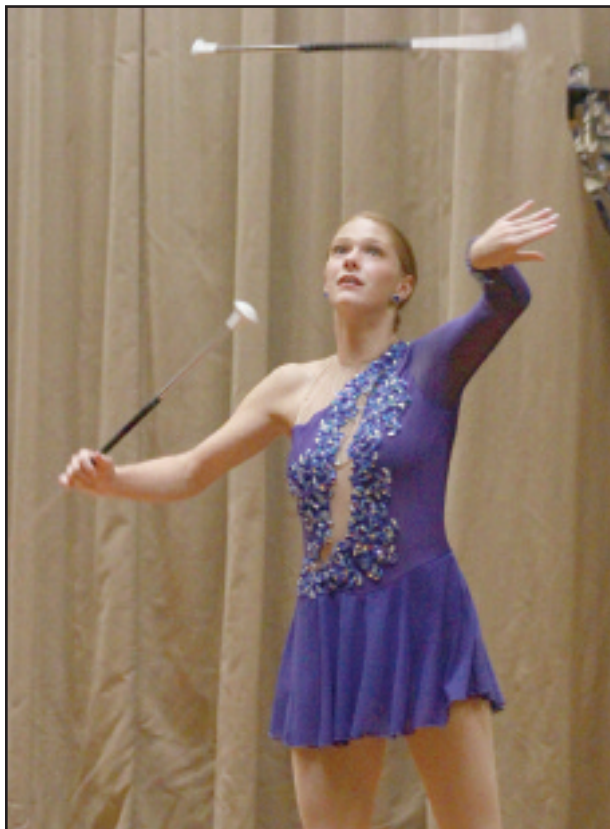
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Morgan Torre performs during the Talent Competition on Sunday night.



Morgan Torre and Annabella Wu pose with Miss Londonderry Director Cara Bound.



Annabella Wu poseperforms during the Talent Competition on Sunday. Photos by Chris Paul

Miss Londonderry

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donderry High School senior Annabella Wu won the title in her very first pageant.

The Miss Londonderry and Miss Londonderry Outstanding Teen Scholarship Programs have been running for 17 years, and this year the program was organized and directed by LHS math teacher, Cara Bound, who coincidentally, was the last Londonderry resident to wear the crown, back in 2006-07.

Last year, due to COVID-19, the program

was suspended and the current Miss Londonderry, Lauren Fohlin, has held that distinction for nearly two years.

The current Miss Londonderry Outstanding Teen, Bre Paquette, was also present on Sunday night and helped throughout the show.

Five judges given the task of naming this year's winners, Brian Anderson, Caitlin Silver, Linsey Currier, Jane Bates and Jessica Morin Mathews were given that unenviable duty.

The 2020-21 Miss

New Hampshire, Ashley Marsh, was also on hand to help with the ceremony.

Out of the eight contestants vying for the Miss Londonderry title, only one was from out of town. Those contestants were: Josselyn LeBlanc, Emily Vadeboncoeur, Haley Hines, April Mauceri, Sophia Hagymas, Maya Lincoln, Hayley Peters and Torre.

Torre is the current Miss Greater Derry titleholder, but was more than happy to relinquish the sash for the new title.

"I have wanted to be

Miss Londonderry since I competed in the Princess Program when I was six-years-old and I can't wait to represent this town at Miss New Hampshire and hopefully become the next Miss New Hampshire," a jubilant Torre said after being crowned.

Torre is currently a college student at Suffolk University and her platform as Miss Londonderry will be "The Ripple Effect: Small Acts Make a Big Impact."

She hopes to make waves of change by giving back to the community and is encouraging

others to follow her lead.

Torre was also a member of the Red Star Twirlers for many years and was a former Lancer Twirler along with her friend Emily Cowette.

After the competition, the gracious new titleholder of Miss Outstanding Teen, Annabella Wu said, "I'm so thankful and honored to be crowned."

Wu's platform is "Fashion for Our Future, Lets Consume Mindfully" and she performed ballet dance during the Talent Competition that evening.

With the win she will have her entry fee into the Miss N.N. competition paid for and with given a Community College System voucher.

The People's Choice Award for the teen competition went to Tabitha Flattes and Josselyn LeBlanc in the Miss group.

Second Runner Up was awarded to Haley Hines, who received \$150 and a Community College System voucher.

The First Runner Up was Hayley Peters, who received \$250 and a Community College System voucher.

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Letters

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water, disposal of briny residue water and impacts on sea life, but the cost of running out of water far exceeds the costs associated with desalination plants.

Although desalination plants might only provide 10% to 20% of water consumption, the plants and pipeline delivery systems in the Southwest region are needed to help replace the lower supply from the Colorado River.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

When Not to Speak

To the editor,

A wise man once said, be quiet and people, "times readers", may think you an idiot. Open your mouth to speak "S.H. Letter of July 22", and you remove all doubt! The Times has published several of my letters critiquing Joe Biden, the Democrat champion. In turn, S.H. has answered in kind about Donald Trump. While Trump left much to be desired about personality, his accomplishments were outstanding. Removing Democrat imposed restrictions on

big business. Lowering their taxes. Bringing them back to America. All this created the best economy ever experienced by the U.S. Would you deny this S. H.? Remember what readers think when you speak. You praise Biden for lowering unemployment from 14 to 5 percent. Were you out of the Universe and no nothing of the Pandemic that occurred? People were shut in. Unemployment rose, jobs lost. Once the shut in ended, Vaccines made available, people back to work, unemployment numbers dropped. Biden, while accepting credit for this, was not responsible. Your criticism of Trumps many activities, tweeting, golfing, rallies etc. all this happened while your champion was hunkered down in his basement. Once he was freed to leave we learned why he was kept out of sight. English and speaking seem to be difficult for him. Imagine Biden at meetings of world leaders. English speaking leaders would request translators to understand him. When making a speech to his countrymen, it's difficult to pay attention to his message. We find ourselves counting his mistakes

instead.

You give no credit for Trumps achievements. Let's discuss what Biden has achieved in his first six months. Ended our pipeline with its thousands of high paying jobs. These were to be replaced by Green Energy jobs. This never happened. Thus begins our slide away from energy independence. This happened at the same time he gifted Russia, Putins pipeline. This is truly Russian collusion. He has erased our Southern boarder. Never before have so many illegal's entered our country. Do you dispute this S.H.? Again, remember what readers think when you speak. Inflation ala Biden is here. No secret.

Can you and your like find a way to blame Trump? When you wait to pay for fuel or food with its exorbitant prices, who's name comes to mind. Trump or Biden? Again, remember what readers think when you speak!

Dr. Paul J Minnillo
Londonderry

Changes Do Have Consequences.

To the editor,

As a former President, used to say during debates "Here We Go Again". So called journalist not wanting to talk about current conditions constantly rehash proven false allegations that took place throughout

the past administration.

No need to go into detail on all the "peaceful" violence, burning, and destruction that occurred in major cities by well known Socialist and Marxist leaders and all with no punishment.

Now let's go on to Jan.6th. According to all the left wing media, it was an Insurrection.

Wow an Insurrection by unarmed demonstrators. Let's not say unarmed, that doesn't

Fit the scenario. Say five died, when in fact one died tragically, an unarmed woman who was shot at point blank range. Let's keep that investigation under wraps.

To those who refer to our 45th. Pres. as a

Deranged Lunatic, it amazes me how he was able to accomplish so much in short 4 years. Through Warp Speed we got the vaccine in record time. He was able to close the Border, a topic for another day. Get rid of the NAFTA agreement, straighten out the tariff imbalance with China, create a strong economy until the virus lockdown, strengthen our Military, make us energy independent and on and on. Most of all Make America Great Again.

Now we have Pres. Biden (questionable) making changes that will most certainly have Consequences.

Jerry Page
Londonderry

Feasibility

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It was explained by Eric Leblanc from Lavalle Brensinger that as part of the study they looked at what educational spaces they have at each of the schools, and compared it to what they would need for space if they were to implement new programming as part of the master plan.

Teachers and staff were able to make suggestions on what is

needed. The leadership at each of the schools vetted the suggestions and feedback.

They also take into account the fact that the New Hampshire Department of Education recommends that each classroom is a minimum of 900 square feet.

"We're showing you what you currently have and what your program suggests that you need," Leblanc said.

For example at Londonderry High School the needed space if they

were to implement the new programming suggested and to meet the NHDOE guidelines would be 356,929 gross square feet. The current gross square feet at the high school for its current educational spaces is 281,964.

Another example is at Londonderry Middle School where the current gross square feet are 156,489. If they were to update programs and be in compliance with the recommendations from the NHDOE, they would need 182,094 gross square feet at the school.

The programming needs and suggestions from the staff at the different schools varied.

At the South School for example some of the programming needs include a complete new

kitchen, a computer lab, more individual work areas, and a large sensory room just to name a few.

At Matthew Thorton some of the programming needs include a larger nurse area, small group/breakout spaces for services, and they also hope to get a STEM lab.

Londonderry School Board Chair Michael Saucier asked if since the majority of the schools would need more space to meet the recommended minimum space needed for classrooms, would they need to build more spaces.

Leblanc said that is more of a possible solution that is addressed later on in the process.

She said that it might not be necessary to build more spaces.



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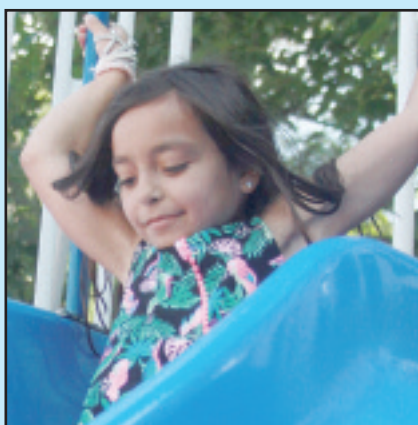
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Recreation Campers Tackle South School Obstacles



A number of age groups competed for the fastest time in the Obstacle Course races held at the Londonderry Summer Recreation program at South Elementary School on Friday, July 23. The camp hit its halfway mark last week, but the rain has started to slow down giving kids more opportunity to get outside during the program. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Seventh Annual Blues Festival Returns to Town Common

KAITLIN BEDELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Common will once again be the venue for the seventh annual Blues Festival scheduled for Aug. 28 from noon to 4 p.m.

All of the proceeds raised from the event will go to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

The event is scheduled to host three bands and will have no admission cost. The festival is set to feature Larry and the Bluecasters at noon, Lorry Douger Blues Band at 1:15 p.m. and the Dr. Harp Blues Revue Band starting at 2:30 p.m.

Lead vocalist of Dr. Harp Blues Revue Band Dennis Martin, who is also known as "Dr. Harp," has been the organizer for the event since its inception.

Despite being in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Blues Fest was the only concert to take place live on the Town Common last year.

Those who attended the event were asked to maintain social distancing between families as there were signs throughout the Town Commons lawn to help abide by the existing CDC guidelines.

Last year's event featured food trucks which those in attendance could purchase food items from. The event also hosted various raffles which people could enter in. The proceeds from both the food trucks and the raffles all went to the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association.

There was also an opportunity at the event for direct donations to



Dennis Martin, also known as "Dr. Harp" will be performing on the Town Common again this year.

be made by attendees, as well as the opportunity for online donations that are always accepted on the Association's website.

A year later, the festival is expected to look similar to that in years past where there will be no social distancing suggested for vaccinated individuals.

This year the festival

is expecting somewhere between 10-15 food trucks to be in attendance.

All parking will be available at the nearby churches in the center of town as well as the nearing Mathew Thornton Elementary School. At each of these lots there will also be volunteers helping to direct traffic within each lot.

Although the Association runs nationally, all of the proceeds from this event goes to the local branches of the association within the state of New Hampshire. These branches specifically use the money raised to help homeless veterans.

According to the Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association's website, their mission is to "support and protect those who have defended our country and our freedoms" and to "provide assistance and help to individual veterans, veteran care facilities, other veteran organizations and registered charities."

The non-profit organization sponsors and attends charity events yearly and also donates to different veteran causes. The Combat Vet-

eran Motorcycle Association has a membership consisting of Full Members who have verified combat services, Supporter Members with non-combat military services, and Auxiliary Members who are spouses of Full and Supporter members.

The Association contains of members from all 50 states and other countries, including areas of combat.

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association also holds a scholarship program for CVMA or CVMAA members and their spouses, children, and grandchildren. Those who wish to donate to the Scholarship program and or Association can do so by visiting the official Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association website: www.combatvet.us.

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11 th — Bruce Marshall Group	11 th — Delta Generators
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Rain venue is the Matthew Thornton School gym.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Londonderry Lightning 8U Softball Team Goes Undeclared

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Lightning 8U girls' softball team had a combination of strong pitching and hitting to finish up their season with some pretty memorable victories.

The Londonderry girls had what could be deemed as a magical season, playing in six tournaments and winning all of them. (

The winning started on their home diamond with Londonderry Memorial Day Tournament and continued with the Grip N Rip Tourney in Barrington.

The girls went on to win the Rochester Summer Classic Tourney, the

Babe Ruth State Tourney, the Babe Ruth New England Regional Tourney in Raynham Mass. and ended with the Dog Days Tourney back in Londonderry.

The overall record over this miraculous season was an amazing 29 wins, zero losses, and one tie to achieve an undefeated season.

This is the only team to have an undefeated season in the history of the Londonderry Lightning program, which has been around since 2009 according to the coach.

Also according to the coach, the girls worked hard all last fall during the COVID-19 halt, trained all winter and competed and won all

spring/summer.

The Lightning girls overpowered many of their opponents over the course of the summer, and overall, they scored a staggering 334 runs while only giving up 51 runs.

In their 30 games, they mercy ruled their opponents 24 times and gave up a tiny 1.7 average runs per game.

The team's returning veteran players were Ava Loughlin, Kaylee Metivier, Nora Daniels, Jenna McManus, and Cara Dinovo.

New players contributing this year were Maddie Rivera, Madison Clement, Abby Waterhouse, Skylar Martell, Danilynn Febbo, Kendall



The Londonderry Lightning 8U team are all smiles after winning the New England Regional Championship recently. Courtesy photo

Qualter and Quinn Porter.

The team was coached by Brian Daniels, Sara Loughlin, Sheryl Metivier and Lisa Qualter.

The girls fought through the rain and high heat conditions over the season and stayed humble throughout. The girls made memories that will last a lifetime. The future is bright for these ladies.



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Local Grapplers Have Success in Mass Tournament



Bruce Pacy, center, won the Adult White Belt, 230+ lbs. division at the Grappling Industries Tournament in Tyngsboro, Mass. last weekend.



Hayden Fortunata, center, was victorious in the Adult White Belt, 145 lbs. Division this weekend. Courtesy photos

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A number of students from local Martial Arts school, Limitless Pride, competed at Grappling Industries on Saturday, July 24th, at the Tyngsboro Sports Center in Tyngsborough, Mass. and had a great deal of success.

The Grappling Industries event was a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu round robin

tournament where competitors face off against everyone in their weight bracket.

Limitless Pride, of Hampstead, had four students competing in the tourney. Bruce Pacy, Hayden Fortunata, Nick Fortunata, and Cassie Bestor all had some success.

Pacy and Fortunata both placed first in their divisions. Pacy won the Adult White Belt 230+ lbs. Division and Hayden

Fortunata was victorious in the Adult White Belt 145 lbs. Division, both winning in five matches.

Nick Fortunata also had a great showing winning two of his matches and was in the same division as teammate, Pacy.

Cassie Bestor stepped out of her comfort zone by competing for the very first time, and although she didn't win, she won a mental

victory by stepping out there, not giving up, and giving it the best she had.

When asking one of the Instructors at Limitless Pride, Jonathan Paul, how he felt his students did, he responded, "I think everyone did a phenomenal job and am beyond proud. I have competed at countless tournaments from white to black belt and I know how nerve racking it can be. Both Bruce and Hay-

den have improved so much competing in tournaments and having five matches in a day and winning them all is impressive. Hayden had a super fast submission in his first match winning in eight seconds and Bruce did as well in his second match winning by in 30 seconds. I think Nick definitely would have placed as well, he was unfortunately in Bruce's division and it was his first

time competing in a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu tournament, he had competed in wrestling before, so it's a whole new game, but he did extremely well in the matches he won."

Paul added, "Cassie also did great. She was very hard on herself after the fact, but the whole team is proud of her. Just stepping out there and competing is a whole new world, which I would say about 70 percent of people who train in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu never compete at all. It was an awesome day and all our students did amazing. Win or lose, we are proud of our students and what they do."



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Summer Fun Runs Down to the Final Race of Season



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) Kids Summer Fun Runs are now down to their final races of the season as they finished their second to last runs on Monday night, July 26.

There were 266 runners participating this

week on a rather humid, hazy night.

The GDTC was once again able to donate 27 more bags of food to the St. Jude Food Pantry with the donations provided by runners.

Races were run in every age group from two-on-up but only ages 9-13 are recorded for end-of-season prizes. In the younger age groups



There is only one more week left for youngsters to compete at the annual Greater Derry Track Club's Summer Fun Runs this year. Photos by Chris Paul

every participant receives a ribbon for competing.

There were a lot of familiar faces on the winner board this week and the top-three finishers in this week's races are as follows.

For boys 9-year-old: Beckett O'Brien of Londonderry was first for the fourth consecutive week, Ben Berry of Londonderry was second and Tyler Barry came in

third.

In the girls 9-year-old group: The top two remained the same for the fourth week in a row. Meghan Mullaney of Derry finished first; Danicia Leblanc of Fremont was second and Reagan Morgan of Windham was third.

The boys 10-year-old group was also the same as the first two week's finish. Jack Porter of Londonderry took first this week; Owen Hooke of Derry dropped to second; and Rowan Nichols, of Derry, came in third.

In the girls 10-year-old group: Mia Buco, of Londonderry, was first

once again; Emerson Presher, of Londonderry, took second again; and Haley Doyle of Londonderry was third.

In the boys' 11-year-old race: Logan Reiff of Windham was first and Nolan Theokas of Chester was second.

In the girls' 11-year-old race: Anna Laufer-sweiler of Londonderry was first; Madison Doherty of Chester was second; and Emily Bugenhagen of Londonderry came in third.

In the boys' 12-year-old race: Theodore Doherty of Chester once again finished first; Quinn Morrison was sec-

ond; and Ryan Hooke was third.

In the girls' 12-year-old race, Avery Vadeboncoeur of Sandown came in first.

In the boys 13-year-old group, Sig Iverson, of Chester, once again came in first and Esai Theokas, of Chester took second.

The free series begins each week at 6 p.m. at the Londonderry High School track and welcomes all ages.

The program will finish up on Monday, Aug. 2. Non-perishable food donations are appreciated to help support local food pantries.



Hooked a Snook

Resident Tyler Wilbur reeled in this snook while surf fishing on the beach at Captiva Island in Florida recently. The fish weighed in at about 15 pounds and was 31 inches long making it the highlight of Tyler's trip. *Courtesy photo*



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Summertime Dining

Starting Monday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. tune in for cookbook recommendations that are perfect for the summer season with Public Services Librarian Matt Fuller. The video will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel. To reserve any of the featured titles, please call the library at 432-1132 or sign in to your account on the library catalog.

Craft Time

A virtual craft time will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, or YouTube channel on Monday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. Create a mosaic turtle hanger with Mr. Taylor! Craft kits are available at the children's room desk while supplies last.

Young Adult Craft

A virtual craft for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel on Monday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m. Join Miss

Megan for an assortment of color-your-own crafts! Craft kits are available by the circulation desk while supplies last.

Story Time

Join Miss Jennifer for tales about unusual pets! This story time video will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page until Sept. 30. To reserve the featured titles, please call the library at 432-1132 or sign in to your account on the library catalog.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency. Proof of citizenship; (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers). Proof of age. Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to

register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. Contact Kristin Grages, Chair, Supervisor of the Checklist for the Town of Londonderry 603-432-1100, ext 198 with any questions.

Republicans Social

Join members and friends for a beer and cheer social meet in the upper room at the Long Blue Cat Brewing Company, 298 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry on Aug. 12, Thursday, at 6 p.m. There will be a short presentation and introductions with lots of time for lively discussions with like minded Republicans. Learn about upcoming Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) events. While RSVP's are appreciated they are not necessary to attend. For more information or to RSVP, contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas at eathomas@comcast.net

omas@comcast.net or (603) 437-6090.

Republicans Meeting

The Londonderry Republicans will hold a meeting on Aug. 19, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at American Legion's backyard, 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. Meet and hear from people who care about NH and Londonderry. Learn about what we are doing and where you can join us in making a difference. Linger a while and talk with State Representatives and officials who often attend our meetings. Our meetings are a great place to learn more in depth information on political hot topics that you care about and to learn how to be an effective town or state candidate for elected office. Questions? Contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas (603) 437-6090, eathomas@comcast.net.

Etz Hayim Sunday Camp

Free Sunday Camp, Monthly starting Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. - noon (Ages 4-6) The camp includes: Music, crafts, games; Intro to Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew; Free tuition available to new Sunday Camp families. Registration: www.etzhayim.org/learn. For more information, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

Etz Hayim High Holidays

Etz Hayim Synagogue High Holiday Schedule and Registration. No requirements on tickets or reservations. Schedules are as follows: Sat. Aug. 28, at 8 p.m., for Selichot Program "Hummable Hits for the High Holidays"; Sat. Aug. 28, at 9 p.m., Services; Mon. Sept. 6, at 7:15 p.m., for Erev Rosh Hashanah Service; Tues. Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 1); Tues. Sept. 7, at 1 p.m., Tashlich - Hood Pond, Derry; Tues. Sept. 7, at 2:30 p.m., Family Service; Wed. Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 2); Wed. Sept. 15, at 7:15 p.m., Kol Nidre; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 9:30 a.m., Yom Kippur Morning Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 1 p.m., Discussion "Les-

sons Learned from Covid for our Synagogue"; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 2 p.m., Family Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 4 p.m., Afternoon Service; Mon. Sept. 20, at 7:15 p.m., Erev Sukkot; Fri. Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., Potluck Shabbat in the Sukkah; Wed. Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m., Simchat Torah. For more information or live stream links, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

Etz Hayim Religious Learning,

The Etz Hayim Synagogue is holding Religious Learnings on Tuesdays, Weekly starting Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. (Ages 7-18) This will entail: Hebrew letter recognition and decoding to learn Hebrew reading skills; Holiday observance, Tzedakah, Judaica, Jewish history, living and ethics; Liturgical and Judaic knowledge and skills in preparation for becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Registration: www.etzhayim.org/learn. For more information, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

Summer Cookouts

Please join us for our Summer Cookouts Thursdays, 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 Aquinas Parish, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH. Please call the Parish Office at 432-5000 should you have any questions about our Summer Cookout.

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: Dinner on July 30 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door; Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Raising another's child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeta@urteachers.org. Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

Free Parenting Workshops

View these free parenting workshops at your own pace hosted by the Upper Room at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. Dealing with Challenging Behaviors in Children - The Importance of Routines and Consistency for your Child.

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Caregiver Resource Line

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Free Senior Activities

Free games, and 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; Cribbage and at 9 a.m., and Forty Five's

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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.

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young par-

ent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: bit.ly/tipstopics

Raising a Teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are intro-

duced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org

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.

Vaping and Your Health

A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of the month and online options are also available. Call (603) 437-

8477 x117 to register and get more information.

Teen Talk

Free LIVE on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., for teens 13-18 to talk, support each other, and be heard. No preregistration necessary. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/tipstopics

Parent & Caregiver Café

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - July 19

2:46 a.m. Arrest made after a motor vehicle accident on Southwood Drive at Mammoth Road. Emily Soriano, 27, of Manchester charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

9:21 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Nashua Road at Sunoco station.

11:02 a.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Happy Lane.

11:25 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-Ins at Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

12:30 p.m. Suspicious Person investigated on Airport Road at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Sequoia Avenue.

3:01 p.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Happy Lane.

5:10 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat results in transportation to a hospital from Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments on Perkins Road. Eight officers assist with charging Jenifer Cote, 32, of Londonderry with Involuntary Emergency Admission.

Tuesday - July 20

12:19 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Sawgrass Circle.

12:53 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Wyandot Circle.

2:46 p.m. Assault investigated by four officers on Lori Lane.

5:32 p.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Lori Lane.

7:14 p.m. Weapons Off-

enses investigated by seven officers on Atlas Place.

9:29 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Spruce Street. Angel Ayala, 22, of Manchester charged with Criminal Mischief; Theft Lost/Mis-laid \$0-\$1,000; and four counts of Theft by Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000.

10:11 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Capitol Hill Drive.

Wednesday - July 21

1:22 a.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Noyes Road.

1:35 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Suicide Attempt/Threat at Executive Health Sports Center on Highlander Way.

7:17 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers at Rail Trail on Symmes Drive

Thursday - July 22

10:55 a.m. Assault investigated on Ash Street.

6:13 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Ash Street.

7:26 p.m. Peace restored at a Disturbance on Wyndmere Drive.

7:45 p.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Ash Street.

8:15 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat reported on Ash Street.

9:24 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Buckthorn Street at Rail Trail

10:42 p.m. Three officers assist with a Suicide Attempt/Threat and transport to a Hospital from Fieldstone Drive.

Friday - July 23

1 a.m. Peace restored

during a Medical Emergency on Ash Street.

1:23 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Perkins Road at Twins Smoke Shop.

11:18 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Delta Drive at Ecco USA.

7:02 p.m. Five officers assist a citizen on Harvey Road at Rail Trail.

7:12 p.m. Two officers serve a Summons/Subpoena on Winding Pond Road. Heather Walker, 49, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Mischief

8:08 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Winterwood Drive.

Saturday - July 24

12:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Rockingham Road at Derry town line. Martin Collins, 28, of Topsfield, Mass. charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

7:56 a.m. Peace restored

after Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Pillsbury Road.

2:17 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Golen Drive.

2:43 p.m. Shooting Complaint made at Power Lines on Wiley Hill Road.

3:17 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Fieldstone Drive.

8:39 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on High Range Road.

Sunday - July 25

11:55 a.m. Services Rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Westminster Drive.

4:41 p.m. Report of Trespassing investigated on South Road.

5:02 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated at old Town Dump on Auburn Road.

7:03 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Cornucopia Circle.

House Passes Bipartisan PFAS Action Act

Recently, the House of Representatives passed the PFAS Action Act of 2021 www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2467/text, a comprehensive piece of legislation that seeks to limit the impacts of PFAS contamination on our communities and our environment.

The PFAS Action Act contains provisions introduced by Congressman Pappas based on his Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3622. These provisions would regulate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) chemicals under the Clean Water Act to finally stop manufacturers and other polluters from contaminating our nation's waterways with toxic levels of PFAS.

"The PFAS Action Act is a landmark bill that will protect millions of Americans from toxic 'forever chemicals.' This

is a bipartisan issue and an issue that impacts communities in literally every state. Far too many Americans are drinking contaminated water from water systems and private wells, and far too little has been done by the federal government to address this," said Congressman Pappas. "We can change that by enacting this legislation that will safeguard our water and

environment, hold polluters accountable, and protect the health of our families and communities. I am glad that the House has passed this comprehensive bill and hope the Senate will take immediate action."

Specifically, the PFAS Action Act will:

- Minimize PFAS contamination within our communities by limiting the production of new PFAS chemicals, requiring

the cleanup of contaminated sites, and setting air emission standards

- Work to better identify the health risks associated with PFAS contamination to help communities that have already been exposed

- Limit further human exposure to PFAS by establishing drinking water standards and providing communities with the resources they need to fix impacted water systems.

Around Town

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OBITUARY

Danielle Lee (Rocheleau) Hazard



Danielle Lee (Rocheleau) Hazard, 35, of Wakefield, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

Born in Melrose, Mass., she was the daughter of Richard and Terri (Delaney) Rocheleau. She was the beloved wife of Brandon S. Hazard and they were together for over 15 years.

Danielle graduated Londonderry High School in 2004. She was a University of Rhode Island graduate and earned her bachelor's degree in Education in 2010. She worked as a Hospice Aide for HopeHealth.

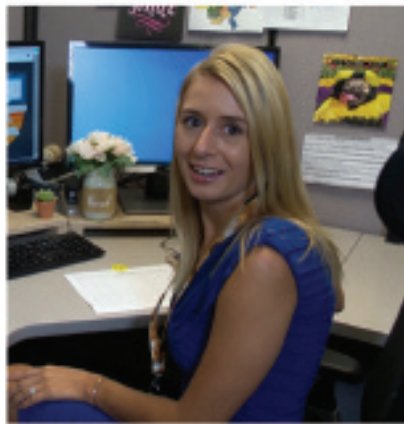
In her spare time, Danielle enjoyed traveling, the beach, art, painting, sporting events and watching her son Calvin play soccer, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by her children Calvin, Calisi, and Brandon Hazard, Jr.; her brother Sean Rocheleau and his wife Amber; her grandmothers Margaret Judd and Lee Rocheleau; her mother-in-law Lucille Hazard; her nephews Xavier, Jayden, and Gavin; as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visiting hours will be held Saturday, July 31, 2021 from noon - 2 p.m., at Avery-Storti Funeral Home, 88 Columbia St., Wakefield, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial will take place in New Fernwood Cemetery, Kingston.

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