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Lancer Campers

Members of the Londonderry High School Marching Band and Color Guard postponed their summer vacation for a week as they prepare for the upcoming football season's halftime shows during Band Camp. The theme of Tuesday's practice was Decades Day. See more on page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Annual Old Home Day Senior Picnic Taking Reservations

VALLEAN JACKSON
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Old Home Day is the roots of the town and has been a foundation in the Londonderry community for more than 100 years that unifies and celebrates the citizens throughout the commu-

nity both past and present.

According to Catherine Blash, the Londonderry Director of Senior Affairs, "This year the Senior Picnic will take place on Aug. 18th at the Lions Hall with the start time of 4 p.m. It can be said it is a barbecue

because of the style of food we are having, but the event is predominantly just known as the senior picnic. Traditionally, the senior night is the kick off for Old Home Day festivities, and we could not be more excited to be able to continue

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Planning Board Approves Latest Woodmont Plans

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board met on Wednesday, Aug. 4, where the board heard from representatives of Pillsbury Realty Development, of the Woodmont Commons Planned Unit Development, for plans on a subdivision and a medical building.

It was explained by Jeff Kevan from T.F. Moran, representing the owners, that they were seeking permission to subdivide two of its lots

on Pillsbury Road and Michels Way creating a 2.3-acre lot.

That lot, if all goes to their plans, would be used for the site of a medical office building.

Members of the Planning Board approved the subdivision without much discussion to start things off. One of the conditions for their approval came at the request of Londonderry Town Planner Colleen Mailloux who asked that they require that the cross access parking utilities and drainage

easements be provided for review and approval by the town.

After the initial subdivision approval, the board heard a proposal from the company to construct a 19,792 square foot, two story medical office building and associated site improvements for the newly subdivided site.

Kevan explained that the building would be used for medical uses including labs, along with eyeglasses and nutritional supplements

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State Senators Meet with Local Private Road Group

JOHN J. GOGLIA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Friday, Aug. 6, Senator Sharon Carson (Londonderry) and Senator Regina Birdsall (Hampstead) met with representatives of the New Hampshire Private Road Taxpayers Alliance (NHPVRTA) at the Clubhouse of Hickory Woods in Londonderry. Also present was a member of the Hickory Woods Board of Directors. The main topic of discussion was the unfairness of property taxes being paid by residents on private roads who pay the same property taxes, and in many cases, more than their counterparts living on public roads for serv-

ices that are not provided by municipalities.

Those services include road and infrastructure (water, sewer and lighting) repair, maintenance and replacement. Private road residents bear the significant cost and responsibility to determine when roads and related infrastructure need attention and in doing so must also seek and pay for the necessary expertise to make that determination at additional cost whereas municipalities provide those stress free services to residents on public roads.

The NHPVRTA had House Bill HB-1490 sponsored by Rep. Peter

Schmidt (Dover) and co-sponsored by Senator David Watters (Dover/Barrington) pass the House in March of 2020, but was "Laid on Table" in June of that year by the Senate, due in part to the Covid-19 Pandemic. HB-1490 requested a study committee be formed at the state level to address all aspects of the fairness of the taxation of resi-

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Old Home Day Baby Contest Returns to Town Common

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 122nd Londonderry Old Home Day Celebration will be held between Aug. 18 and Aug. 21 this year, and although most of the events were cancelled last year due to the pandemic, the long-standing tradition of the annual Baby Contest will make it return this year, this time, on the stage on the Town Common.

After being held for about two decades at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, this

year the new organizers decided to have the event back on the Town Common stage starting at 9 a.m.

Londonderry native Mandy Harrison will be running the contest this year with the help of her husband and want to let people know that there's still time to get entries in for Londonderry families with newborns.

Babies born after Aug. 15, 2020 are eligible to enter.

Boys and girls will only have to categories to compete for this year.

The title of Little Miss Londonderry and Little Master Londonderry and will be judged on their smiles, personality, dress and overall presence.

This year's judges will be newly crowned Miss Londonderry, Morgan Torre; Miss Outstanding Teen, Annabella Wu; Ilona Arndt; and Trisha Alexandre.

Regardless of the final outcome, each young contestants family will receive a gift bag containing gift cards from local businesses.

In 2019, the winners were:

- Little Miss was Keira Belle Nims
- Little Master was Evan Deptula
- Best Personality was Jameson Freda
- Best Smile was Sophie Hunnewell
- Best Dressed was Everleigh Stone Leonadradi

There is a \$10 application fee to sign up and the deadline is Aug. 16.

To sign up, Londonderry residents can email Harrison at ohd-babycontest@gmail.com



Miss Londonderry - Keira Belle Nims

Woodmont

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sales. He said that they drafted the proposal with the help of input from many conceptual design meetings.

One of the big discussions during the meeting was in regards to the exterior lighting for the building.

At first Kevan originally explained that they were planning on going with a more standard form of lighting through poles instead of the modern ones that are part of the rest of the Woodmont Commons.

Members of the planning board had different thoughts and instead thought they should all be uniformed.

Londonderry Planning Board Chairman Arthur Rugg said that it would be important to have the lighting match the overall look in Wood-

mont.

"We're happy to accommodate the request," said Chris Nickerson of Nickerson Designs, who was tasked with designing the building.

Londonderry Town Councilor and Planning Board liaison, Deb Paul, asked if there would only be one bike rack on the property. Kevan said that right now that is what they have proposed.

She said that she thought it would be good to have at least one more in the rear of the parking lot, saying that they may be surprised about how many people ride their bikes there, especially employees.

Kevan said that is something they could do.

Overall the board was pleased with the look of the proposed building and the site.

"You've done a really good job with this. It looks really good," said member Jake Butler.

Conditions put on the property for conditional approval included having the lightning match the rest of the properties, addressing any outstanding comments from the March design memorandum, and having appropriate signage or stripping for the ambulance spot and having the fire department approve it.

The conditional approval was approved unanimously.

Also at the meeting, the Planning Board also heard a site improvement plan for Londonderry Fish & Game, which was seeking approval to build a 5,000 square foot clubhouse on its property.

The clubs entrance is actually in the neighboring town of Litchfield, but most of the land sits

in Londonderry.

Jason Lopez, of Keach-Nordstrom Associates explained that the club sits on two properties totaling 80 acres. Their plan is to build the clubhouse in the back of the property in the woods.

He said right now their building doesn't have a septic system or electricity, which they will be adding with the new building.

"This will be a nice addition for the facilities out there," Lopez said.

He told the board that the Heritage Commission and Conservation Commission both signed off on the proposal after meeting with them.

One of the main waivers that the club was seeking was to be allowed to have a gravel parking lot instead of a paved one.

Lopez explained that as part of the proposal for the new building

they would be building 31 parking spaces in the parking lot, which would all be gravel. Two of the spots would be ADA spots meaning that they would instead be built with a concrete slab to meet the compliance regulations.

Mailloux explained that while they normally don't allow parking lots to be made out of gravel this was a unique circumstance, which is why their staff was recommending it be approved.

"It's not open to the general public and there's no commercial traffic," said Mailloux.

"This is a membership club only out in the back 40 out in the woods. We recognize that this is a very unique use," she added.

The Board ultimately approved the waiver, with planning board member Roger Fillio having to recuse himself due to being a member

of the club.

Lopez also explained that when they met with the Londonderry Fire Department they told him that the gravel access points need to be at least 20 feet, which he said they would be doing. Meeting the requirements about the regulations for it by the fire department was one of the conditions put on the conditional approval.

Overall multiple members of the planning board expressed that they were impressed with what they have proposed for the building.

"I think it looks beautiful," said Paul, noting that it would be especially useful during the annual town kids fishing derby.

"You're going to have a fine structure out there," said Rugg.

The Board unanimously approved the plan.

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ANN CHIAMPA
SUBMISSION

Celebrate "Live History" with us on Old Home Day, Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Londonderry Historical Society, featuring a mix of new and returning favorites at our Morrison House Museum grounds, 140 Pillsbury Rd., starting at 10 a.m.

Visit the 1st NH Regiment's Revolutionary War Encampment, cooking demonstrations, colonial games, children's musket drills and traditional cannon firings on the hour!

Learn the history, culture and lifeways of indigenous people of NH with Paul and Denise Pouliot, Council Leaders of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People.

Tour our c.1859 Parmenter Barn and c.1840 R.P. Clark and Son Blacksmiths shop.

Enjoy the toe-tapping music of Twin Fiddlers Sarah Jane Nelson and Cathy Mason, a high energy duo known for their lively old-time dance music and rich harmony of their ballads.

Interact with many colonial craftsmen and women:

Cooper: Ron Raiselis-Strawbery Banke's resident Master Cooper (barrel maker) demon-

strates why he's one of the finest hand craftsmen/craft interpreters whose work is in major museums and also in demand by today's craft brewers!

Planer & Joyner: Daniel Lacroix - This consummate woodworker gives hands-on demonstrations of planemaking and period joinery, and explains the tools and techniques of early house joiners who crafted interior architectural woodwork.

Tinsmith: Larry Leonard - This fine craftsman might even ask you to help him at work, offering a hammer if you're inclined to try! He'll also present a wide variety of tinware used in 18th and 19th century homes.

Hornsmith: Charles Walker - Skilled in this ancient craft, he demonstrates how horn was turned into useful items like combs, cups, spoons and powder horns. Also used in lanterns, it was valued for its translucency before widespread use of glass.

Gunsmith: David Welch - He'll share his extensive knowledge of historic armament, long guns and artillery and show some fine examples of muzzleloaders and muskets!

Surgeon: Greg Morin - Need an aching tooth



Demonstrations of Early American life will be happening throughout the day at the Morrison House Museum on Pillsbury Road near Moose Hill Kindergarten. Photo by Chris Paul

or a musket ball removed? This colonial surgeon might offer aid, then detail his extensive display of medical instruments and treatment methods used on patients during the 18th century. This may leave you speechless or running for the hills!

Corn Husk Doll Maker: Bill Jennison -

Children in both Native American and Colonial families, wherever corn was grown as a crop, used the natural dried husk of the corncob to fashion dolls. Bill engages children of all ages to join in making their own corn husk doll!

Basket Weaver: Sally Watkins - This tradition-

al craftswoman works with natural materials in the construction of her baskets and displays a large number of her beautifully woven designs and styles.

Washerwoman: Jennifer Roy - Deep into character as an indentured servant, she's trying to pay off her passage to America. Keeping her large wash pot boiling and continuing chores while interacting with the public, she tells her life in vivid detail, revealing hardships that she and others endured for freedom.

Blacksmith: Stephen Galperin - This talented blacksmith is back setting up his hearth and tools near our blacksmith shop. He's wonderfully interactive with children and yours may be able to help create a new hand-forged item!

Ray Breslin will display his restored 1955 John Deere Model 40 Tractor and Kenny Joudry will bring down his hit-or-miss engine. Kenny will also be driving LHS member Kay Webber in the OHD Parade in his 1927 Model T Ford!

Also in the Parade

will be our Patriotic Float with Eric Turcotte and Pig Roaster on board his Turcotte Tree Service Truck & Trailer, decorated by the Londonderry Historical Society and advertizing our BIG 2-PIG-ROAST BBQ featuring delicious pulled pork, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon and cool drink, for a suggested donation of \$10 starting immediately after the Parade, on the Morrison House Museum grounds!

Eric Turcotte, generous volunteer and businessman, has done it up BIG, donating and slow-roasting 2 pigs overnight and bringing a crew for the BBQ.

Also, Mr. Joseph Pelletier, Manager of Londonderry's O'Reilly Auto Parts has made a personal donation in support of our MHM!

A heartfelt "Thanks!" to our wonderful donors, volunteers, and the residents of Londonderry for supporting our mission to preserve the History of Londonderry. We hope you have a great time at our "Live History" event and 2-PIG-ROAST BBQ!

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Editorial

Weather in New England

How would we New Englanders start or even have a conversation if we didn't have the weather. There is a saying "Wait around long enough and the weather will change".

Do you remember just a few weeks ago in July when the topic of conversation was; when is the rain going to stop, I'm sick of the rain. July 2021 is officially the rainiest July on record in southern New Hampshire.

Dreary weather in recent weeks is certainly one for the history books since Concord began keeping records in 1868. The number of rainy days in July may even be a record as well, but I am not sure.

Even though we needed the rain to help us out of a drought. It does not make a fun summer, especially for the kids who have had a tough enough two years.

The desire for sun and warmer temperatures is what we wanted in our very short summer.

This week the heat index is on the rise along with the rising humidity. We all say it; "It's not the heat it's the humidity". Who likes humidity, move and you sweat. Being out in these conditions that we are not use to for extended periods could lead to heat exhaustion or worse, heat stroke, even if you can stand the heat you do not want to stand out in it for too long.

Extreme heat was the second leading cause of weather related fatalities in the United States, just behind flooding, according to weather.gov.

So the temperatures hovering around 90's for the first part of this week, and an expected "cool" down, courtesy of some thunderstorms by the end of the week.

Coupled with the humidity, these intermittent heat waves have given us some of the toughest summer days this year, but we New Englanders can take it.

Heat stroke, the most serious illness of summertime can present symptoms of an actual stroke, such as confusion, dizziness, and slurred speech. Should you notice these symptoms in anyone, call for help immediately and try to get the person out of the heat and get some water into their system.

Of course, summer is still very much a time for fun in the sun and there should still be plenty of opportunities for that before we go back to school maybe.

Until then, you should take the proper precautions to avoid being caught in the summer danger zone of extreme heat and lighting storms.

Just think - when the cold, snow, and ice are back some of us will be talking about how we'd take these days back in an instant.



Scholarship Winners

Two of three Londonderry High School students who were awarded the Londonderry Women's Club annual scholarship attended the club's recent board meeting for a check presentation. Pictured from left to right are Lynn Plakyda, Karen Scott-Martinet, Brian Sullivan, Sandy Perry, and Mia Fayle. Reyanna Broadhurst also received the LWC Scholarship this year.

Courtesy photo

Letters

Speed limits and Safety Committee

To the editor,

I was disappointed to read that our Safety Committee's suggested answer to speeding on town roads is a town wide reduction in the speed limits. The State recommended limit for rural residential areas is 35 mph. This is appropriate for the majority of through routes. Lower limits within local developments are also appropriate.

Just lowering a speed limit because people are already ignoring it is never going to solve the problem. They will continue to ignore it. I live on a main through route - Pillsbury Road. The majority of traffic on that road is driving close to the posted speed. Undeniably, there are a few who consistently drive too fast. Lowering the limit will be very unlikely to change their behavior. It will only inconvenience the majority who already adhere to the posted speed. Our police department periodically positions a car to stop

the offenders. A fine, with its attendant impact on the insurance, is sufficient.

Judging speed as a bystander usually overestimates how fast a vehicle is moving. An average car is 15 ft. long. Traveling at 35 mph it will take only one third of a second to pass you, but will seem much faster when you are standing at the curb. If a car on I-93 takes only one second to pass your seat, it is actually traveling only 10 mph faster than you are. A question sometimes asked on an English driver's test was to estimate speed without looking at the speedometer - at 30 mph you should take five seconds between utility poles that are typically 200 ft. apart.

Finally, speed curbs or tables in public roads would be a disaster. While pickups and SUVs easily clear these things, a regular sedan does not. I already cannot cross those in the Cross Roads parking lot without either coming to a complete stop at each one or hitting the bot-

tom of the car. The speed table in Derry at the pedestrian crossing is an appropriate use but these things should not be used in a normal road situation.

David Ellis
Londonderry

Letters for Trump

To the editor,

It is very sad and, must confess maddening, to read the letters that support Trump.

All of what you say for policies are true.

The question is, have all benefited and is America a more kinder, loving, peaceful society, is the rule of law being respected. Is the safe transfer of power being respected, is public service being served, is our neighbor being loved as we love ourselves? I'm not feeling the love in the letters that support Trump, but do feel the anger.

Is this the culture we want for our families and ourselves?

I don't.
Jane Cooper
Londonderry

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Lancers Marching Band Holds Annual Summer Camp



The Londonderry High School Lancer Marching Band and Color Guard held its annual Band Camp from August 9-12 to prepare for the upcoming school year and football season. They were working on this year's halftime show titled "The Music of Pixar."

There will be four songs featured during the show from various Pixar movies. "You've got a Friend in Me" from Toy Story, "Gospel" from Monsters University, "Proud Corazon" from Coco, and "The Incredibles" from the Incredibles.

This year's Drum Majors for the

200-member band are seniors Sage Matzker, Nathan Anderson, and Junior Heidi Ricker.

On Thursday, Aug. 12, the band will perform an inaugural band camp performance on the high school track field at 3:30 p.m. This sneak peek is open to the public

and all are welcome to attend.

On Saturday, August 21, the Lancers will participate in the Londonderry Old Home Day Parade and the first home game performance will be on Sept. 10 at the football game against Nashua South High School.

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Community Caregivers Calls for Concerned Volunteers

MARYANNE CHRISTIANO-MISTRETTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The COVID-19 pandemic jolted the lives of many across the nation and communities in southern New Hampshire are still feeling the effects.

Since the coronavirus shut much of the area down in 2020, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry lost two-thirds of their drivers. The role of a driver is significant to get elderly or disabled persons to their medical appointments or grocery shopping. Or a volunteer can help in many other ways, with light chores and assistance.

Caregivers is a volunteer care giving program, formed in 1988 and covers the towns of Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Sandown, and Windham.

The organization was originally based in Derry, but moved to Londonderry a few years back and just last year, they moved back to Derry.

According to the Executive Director, Cindee Tanuma, not much has changed since

then, other than volume. A typical client is 80+ years of age, who never had children, or is estranged by their children, or had outlived their children, or have children who live too far away to be a meaningful hands-on assistant.

Currently, Caregivers offers three complementary programs:

1. Volunteer Care-Giving Program, which provides free in-home and transportation assistance to vulnerable elderly and disabled individuals from seven southern New Hampshire communities.

2. Loaner's Closet for Durable Medical Equipment, which loans out wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, and bath seats to anyone in New Hampshire who needs it and for as long as they need it-free of charge.

"We offer 16,000 pieces of medical equipment, free to the public, no questions asked," said Tanuma. "We have everything you can imagine that's durable. We also have a closet of consumables...adult diapers, rubber gloves, butt wipes. These items are very expensive. People need an endless supply

of them."

Caregivers recently acquired a UV disinfectant, which helps clean up items in seconds.

3. Project Upkeep, which is a special set of "handyman" volunteers that make handicap improvements and repairs to low-income clients' homes.

Tanuma further explained that handymen-and women-do small home repairs, snow removal, and pest control. "Any of those things, that as you age, if you don't have a landlord or if you own your

home, it's too costly to call a tradesman. We do anything that doesn't involve permits, codes, licensing..." she said, adding, "It's been a great program. I wish we had more handyman volunteers."

Last September, Caregivers moved into a larger unit. With the extra space they plan on launching a community needs assessment and are in the process of interviewing community stakeholders that know what seniors are lacking if free space is granted to them. "We're gearing

up," said Tanuma. "It's available. I know in my heart there's a need for more meeting space, more support groups...We have the space and the circulation here. It's handicap accessible."

If you are interested in volunteering for Community Caregivers, call

program manager, Susanne Peace, at 603-432-0877, x. 2.

If you have ideas or a need for a support group or free community space, call executive director, Cindee Tanuma, at 603-432-0877, ext. 4

For more information, visit: comcaregivers.org/

OBITUARY

Frances (Bell) Meisser



Frances (Bell) Meisser, 88, of Londonderry, NH, passed away following a period of declining health on Friday Aug. 6, 2021, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Dec. 27, 1932 in Lowell, MA, a daughter of the late George and Cecile (Lamoureux) Bell. She graduated from Lowell High School and Lowell Commercial College. Frances worked for the IRS and Essem Packing Company before moving to Gilford, NH in 1988. She spent winters in Palm Beach, FL since 1991 and moved to Londonderry in 2012. Frances was an avid golfer and former member of the Longmeadow Golf Club in Lowell, MA.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 63 years, Stanley Meisser, three sons, Robert and wife Mary Beth, Brian and wife Veronica, and Richard; daughter Karen Meunier and husband Alan, nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, as well as many nieces. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, George Bell, Jr and sister, Rita Sayball.

At the request of Frances, there are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday Aug. 13, at 10 a.m., in the St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Committal services will be held privately by the family in St. Mary's Cemetery, Tewksbury, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry is handling the arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.co

OBITUARY

Marion E. Byrne



Marion E. Byrne, 98, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, in Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. She was born in Haverhill, MA on Feb. 24, 1923, a daughter of Morris and Edith (Hayes) Gormley. Marion

worked as an x-ray technician and moved on to data processing for the Winchester, MA School District. Marion was a Communicant of St. Jude Parish.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Byrne of Center Conway, NH; son, Dick Byrne and wife Sandy of Sunapee, NH; granddaughter, Jennifer Byrne and husband Don White of Lacoia, NH; two grandsons, Jason Byrne and wife Nora of Charlestown, NH, and Zachary Byrne of Portsmouth, NH; great-grandchildren, Alexis and Sydney as well as several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial were held on Monday, Aug. 9, in St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcreast Rd., Londonderry.

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Senators

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dents on private roads.

In the 2021 Legislative Session the NHPVRTA promoted Senate Bill SB-131-FN, Part IX, sponsored by Senator Carson, but that bill, which was part of a large omnibus bill, failed to pass the Transportation Committee in April of this year.

SB-131, Part IX required municipalities to equitably reimburse "qualified" private road

communities for the costs of snow removal, repairs and replacement of roads and related infrastructure via a tax credit.

Apartment and rental type complexes and campgrounds were not considered qualified communities for purposes of that bill.

In anticipation of the upcoming 2022 Legislative Session, the NHPVRTA has prepared drafts of two preliminary bills and they are seeking sponsorship and sup-

port from both the Senators attending their meeting, as well as other Senators and State Representatives.

One bill seeks a reasonable tax credit similar to SB-131, Part IX except that individual municipalities would have the authority to offer such a tax credit but the individual private homeowner would have to apply each and every year for the credit. The second draft bill would require developers to create a Capital

Reserve Fund for qualified communities consisting of at least four units based on an estimate of no less than 50 percent of the cost of replacement of private roads and infrastructure at the time of transition to the Homeowners Association.

Last week's meeting with the two Senators was very cordial and informational for all parties. The Senators agreed to consult with other Senators and their respective constituents

in the other towns they represent to get some more feedback before providing any commitment in support of the efforts of the NHPVRTA. The Senators did request certain specific additional information, which the NHPVRTA promised to submit promptly.

The NHPVRTA is a statewide, nonprofit organization advocating for property tax fairness for private road residents throughout New Hampshire. Their web-

site is www.nhpvrta.com. Private road communities are prevalent throughout the state and include many over 55 communities, lake, mountain, urban, suburban, beach and even family residential type communities. Private road communities are gaining favor with developers and municipalities as they require less attention upon completion and are less of a financial burden on both.

Picnic

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tradition this year," said.

The outdoor event is catered to the senior citizens of the community and it is completely free for admission. However, it is asked that those interested in participating pick up their ticket from the Londonderry Senior Center between the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., or from Kirby Brown at the town hall.

Free bingo will also offered before food is served with a chance for attendees to win plenty of great prizes. In previous years, the prizes consisted of various gift certificates from businesses, but out of respect of this past year's hard hit of COVID, Blash took a different approach to award participants.

"To be fair and respect businesses aim to recover from the hit of COVID, it has helped

me to think outside of the box and helped me to create various gift baskets that can be won. Each gift basket is designed with goodies that can be enjoyed from cozy socks, coffee, to cleaning supplies, and more. The centerpieces being done by Country-side Florist will also be up to be raffled for a prize as well. So if someone does not win a gift basket, they will also have an opportunity to take a centerpiece home."

The Londonderry Senior Center is known for their around-the-clock care for local senior citizens, but this event allows both members and non-members to participate. After all, this event is for seniors, is community orientated, and showcases those that can come together to give back to seniors. For many senior citizens, this event is a socialization factor that gives them the chance



The Londonderry Lions Club Pavillion will once again be the place that local seniors will be treated to Bingo and a BBQ. Photo by Chris Paul

to interact with individuals their age, as well as give them something different to do to continue being active.

"There are a lot of seniors that do not get a chance to go out to restaurants, have a fun outing, who do not have a lot of family and friends, or are just alone and this helps them to not only be acknowledged but let's them know they are not alone.

I do not like seeing seniors left behind or forgotten, and my job allows me to be able to help limit that from happening as best as I can. The younger generation moves at a faster pace, and they don't want to slow down and listen, but taking a little time to listen to these senior cit-

izens is truly a blast that many do not recognize. A lot of them are very honest, funny, and do not mind sharing the stories of their life. It's nice to be able to sit down and have a conversation with them."

On the day of the event, the only thing seniors will have to do is

show up and have a good time. Blash mentioned that no one is going to have to stand in line for their food, everything will be brought out to them. The members of the Lion Club will be cooking the food, Coca-Cola has donated sodas and water, and some members of the Londonderry Police Department are volunteering to help serve the food. Old Home Day Senior Picnic is truly the kick off of the community coming together.

After the meal, a concert will take place on the Town Common as part of the Concerts on the Common series. Neurotic Gumbo, a classic rock band, will be on stage from 7 to 8 p.m.

In case of rain, the event will take place at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

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Londonderry Rec Camp Finishes Up Another Summer



The Londonderry Recreation Summer Camp program had its last full week of activities last week and the weather cooperated giving them a chance to hit the playgrounds at South Elementary school to play football, hit the swings, play four square and build sand castles.

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3v3 Hoops Tournament Honors Memory of Jacob Naar



The birthday and memory of beloved resident Jacob Naar was remembered over the weekend with a three on three basketball tournament that help raise funds for the Jacob Naar Scholarship Fund. The event was held on Saturday, Aug. 7 at the LAFA Complex basketball court on the day before Naar's birthday and was the second time the tournament was held. About 75 participants hit the courts that day with the team of Jackson Cox, Ty Miles, and Andrew Arika. That evening, a candlelight vigil was held at the Recs honor the Lancer student who is remembered with the thought of having "No Bad Days".

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Week Two of Concerts on the Common Features Neurotic Gumbo

Concerts on the Common features Neurotic Gumbo Wednesday, Aug. 18, on the Londonderry Town Common from 7 - 8:30 p.m. For a complete schedule and more details visit: concertsonthecommon.org

Neurotic Gumbo is a 9-piece classic rock band boasting an amazing three-piece horn section. Gumbo pays tribute to all the great rock/horn bands as well as adding horns to songs that you would never expect.

They recently performed for two nights at the Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage, and will be featured at Londonderry's Old Home Day - Concert on the Common.

Last year the band invited us into their amazing recording studio for a very special "Uncommon Concert on the Common" - and blew us away with their set list, musicianship, and just plain fun approach to producing a professional, live streamed concert. We can't wait to see them "Live" on our bandstand.

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About Concerts on the Common

For 20 years, the Londonderry Arts Council has provided family friendly, Concerts on the Common as part of our mission is to enrich Londonderry's quality of life by promoting cultural arts in the community. Concerts are held on the Londonderry, NH Town Common at 265 Mammoth Rd., which is at the corner of Pillsbury and Mammoth roads.

Weather Policy

In the event of bad or threatening weather, we move the concert to the Matthew Thornton gym. The school is just north of the Common at 275 Mammoth Rd.

For more information



Neurotic Gumbo will appear on Wednesday, Aug. 18, on the Londonderry Town Common from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Photo by Chris Paul

about Concerts on the Common, please email concertsonthecommon@gmail.com

COVID 19

Londonderry's Concerts on the Common

are subject to local, state, and federal regulations and guidelines regarding COVID 19 public health and safety practices. The Londonderry Arts Council reserves the right to

modify and/or cancel performances accordingly - and we recommend that patrons wear a mask and practice social distancing when attending concerts.

State Announces "Granite Gambit," a Chess in Education Initiative

The NH Department of Education announced an innovative partnership today with Chess in Schools (CIS) to establish a statewide chess in schools initiative. The program is funded using federal Title funds.

This program will

support training for teacher-driven chess initiatives that connect chess with core academic content, helping to build student engagement. Beyond the academic content, the game of chess builds skills in critical thinking, logic, strategy, and creativity.

The program will run for 2-years and allow interested schools to build the capacity for sustainable programming.

"The game of chess has become incredibly popular with students as a result of the hit Netflix series The Queens Gambit," stated Frank Edel-

blut, commissioner of education. "When we engage students with their areas of interest, the learning is deeper and richer. We called the program Granite Gambit. A gambit is defined as a device or action as a calculated risk to gain an advantage. Granite

Gambit will give both our educators and students an advantage."

"The program is modeled after a program Chess in Schools began in 2015 in Alabama," stated Jerry Nash of Chess in Schools. "Students see the program as a fun to learn exer-

cise. Teachers embrace the program for the impact it has on making students more focused and engaged in traditional curriculum topics."

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"Number, Please" A Historical Glimpse at Telephones

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When my grandkids ask me what kind of phone I had when I was a kid, I tell them it consisted of two tin cans and a string. This isn't far from the truth. My family didn't have a telephone until 1956, when I was six years old. That instrument was a heavy black desk model with a skinny neck and no dial. When you needed to make a call, you picked up the receiver and told a live operator what party you wished to reach and she (always "she") connected you using a switchboard.

Alexander Graham Bell is credited with inventing the telephone, for which he received a patent in 1876. After that, things really took off. Exchanges were cre-

ated, linking subscribers within a geographic area, and public telephones began to appear virtually everywhere. Charles Glidden, a New Englander, established an exchange in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1878 with 50 subscribers. He was able to retire at the age of 43 thanks to the fortune that this made him.

As with many things, it took a while for people to accept this "new-fangled notion", but by the early 1900s the devices were starting to appear in the average home.

According to the book "Early Londonderry," the first telephone in town was installed by local undertaker William Woodbury.

He ran a line from his home on Pillsbury Road to the Depot in the northern part of town,

this was for the convenience of his customers. (His customers??)

Party lines were the norm in the early days and if it weren't for old TV shows, I doubt if the younger generation would even be able to wrap their heads around the concept.

Even our fire station had a party line, and it wasn't until the 1970s that private lines became more common than not, especially in small towns.

Life-long Londonderry resident Betsy McKinney recalls her childhood, when her family was on a ten-party line with a signal of four short rings. You needed only four digits to call someone within town, and Manchester was long-distance.

When was the last time you used a telephone booth?

Back before cell phones, it was useful to know where every local booth was located in case you had to get to one in an emergency. If the emergency involved a vehicle breakdown, you had to get to it on foot.

It was advisable to always keep a supply of coins handy because, of course, public telephones weren't free. Betsy reports that in Londonderry, there was a pay phone on the wall at the Post Office, which also served as the bus station.

When she returned to town on the bus from Manchester, it cost a nickel for her to call home for a ride.

A landmark in the communication business was reached on

May 11, 1967, when the 100 millionth telephone was installed in the United States. Our population at that time was about 198 million people. In October of 2011, the Washington Post reported that the number of cell phones (including all mobile devices) in the country exceeded our population of 315 million.

Times sure have changed. Although it would have cost me a fortune, I wish that cell phones had been around when my children were teenagers. It would have eliminated the "I couldn't find a phone" defense for not calling home to report that they'd be late. But I imagine today's kids have substituted "I couldn't get a signal" as

their excuse.

Nowadays, just about every American over the age of 10 has a personal cell phone and theoretically, can be in constant touch with the world. I feel a little ambivalent about this. On the one hand, it's comforting to know that, wherever I am, my family can always reach me. On the other hand.... my family can always reach me.

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Around Town Policy: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

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. Lunch on Aug. 21 from noon - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Church, drive around to back door; Dinner on Aug. 27, from 5 - 5 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Lunch on Aug. 29, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Day of Service

As a way to give back to the community, The Londonderry Clergy Association is organizing a Day of Service again this year! They will be sending teams of people out to serve in

different ways around town. The group will meet at the Town Common on Aug. 22, at 1:30 p.m., to pray and then split into work teams. Teams will be given various service projects such as painting, weeding, trash pick-up and other tasks! It's very important to know how many are planning to participate, so please be sure to register. When registering, please answer all required questions. If there are multiple people in your family, register each individual. If you wish to volunteer go to orchardnh.org.

Church Yard Sale

A Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. - noon at the Central Congregational Church parking lot at 14 Crescent St., Derry. We will have furniture, electronics, books and many other items for

sale. Snacks, hot and cold drinks while you shop! The yard sale will help support our ministries.

Celebration of Life

John McCarthy, who was instrumental in building and operating the current Post 27 facility, passed away in February. He had held various positions on the Executive Board, including being commander a number of times, every year since 1989 until his passing. There will be a celebration of life on Saturday Aug. 14, from 2 - 6 p.m., at the Post. For more information see www.alpost27.com.

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.

Karaoke

On Aug. 13, the American Legion Post 27 will hold Karaoke with DJ Sharon. Starts at 7:30 - 11 p.m. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. For more information see www.alpost27.com.

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 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. Schedule is 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 "Lessons 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.

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603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

Summer Cookouts

Please join us for our Summer Cookouts Thursday, Aug. 12 from 5 - 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

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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. Con-

tact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@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.

Caregiver Resource Line

Have parenting questions? Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and contact number, and a trained professional will return

your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please call 911.

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 at 1 p.m., on Fridays; The

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Monday - Aug. 2

10:44 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on King Henry Drive.

11:57 a.m. Disturbance leads to transportation to a hospital from Seasons Lane. Joshua Moore-Young, 30 of Londonderry given Involuntary Emergency Admission.

1:24 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by four officers on Fieldstone Drive.

3 p.m. Served Restraining Order on Winding Pond Road.

3:05 p.m. Peace restored after a Domestic Disturbance on Winding Pond Road.

4:14 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Hardy Road.

4:40 p.m. Four officers respond to Missing Person reported at the YMCA on Rockingham Road. Taken to Family/Guardian.

Tuesday - Aug. 3

11:41 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on White Plains Avenue.

12:36 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Parkview Street in Man-

chester. Robert McMinn, 52, of Manchester charged with Theft By Unauthorized Taking over \$1,501; four counts of Criminal Mischief; and four counts of Theft by Unauthorized Taking (Two Prior Convictions).

2:30 p.m. Shoplifting investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

4:14 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Rockingham Road at Londonderry Freezer Warehouse.

4:39 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Hall Road.

6 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers at McDonalds on Nashua Road.

Wednesday - Aug. 4

8:24 a.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

9:25 a.m. Peace restored after a Domestic Disturbance on Ash Street.

11:09 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:20 p.m. Peace rest-

ored after a Disturbance at the Bacon Barn on Sanborn Road.

12:52 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Industrial Drive.

12:59 p.m. Peace restored after Suspicious Activity reported at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:31 p.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:56 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Manter Mill Road. Jeremy Fenn, 20, of Londonderry charged with Second Degree Assault - Strangulation; and two counts of Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault; Domestic Violence - No Consent.

5:58 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Stonehenge Road.

10:41 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Burger King on Nashua Road.

Thursday - Aug. 5

12:15 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported at Wallace Farm Apartments on Bridle Path.

8:51 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by six officers on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

1:21 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by five officers on High Range Road.

1:43 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Prime Source Foods on Jack's Bridge Road.

3:07 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:43 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from Stonehenge Road.

4:03 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Gary Drive.

4:32 p.m. Auto Fire extinguished on Tinker Avenue.

Friday - Aug. 6

12:02 p.m. Services rendered for Car Break-ins on Black Forest Circle.

2:50 p.m. Services rendered for Involuntary Emergency Admission on Grove Street.

3:33 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Raintree Drive.

5:04 p.m. Three officers assist with Involuntary Emergency Admission to a Hospital from Grove Street.

10:52 p.m. Suspicious

Activity investigated on Twin Isles Road.

Saturday - Aug. 7

12 a.m. Three officers render services for an Assault on Harvey Road.

8:25 a.m. Three officers respond to a shooting complaint on Raintree Drive.

11:26 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at UPS on Pettingill Road.

5:44 p.m. Assisted the Derry Police Department with services on Trolley Car Lane.

6:02 p.m. Three officers assisted the Derry Police Department on Nashua Road at Derry Line.

6:43 p.m. Welfare Check investigated at Renegades Pub on Nashua Road.

Sunday - Aug. 8

5:04 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:51 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Woods Avenue.

11:03 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:18 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on McKinley Avenue.

3:28 p.m. Report of a Domestic Disturbance

leads to an arrest made on Longwood Avenue at Auburn Road. John Parent, 57, of Manchester charged with Stalking - Domestic Violence - Order; and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

4:47 p.m. Complaint investigated by three officers at Convenient MD Urgent Care on Nashua Road.

5:09 p.m. Warrant Served by four officers at Manchester Police Department and subject transported to hospital.

6:38 p.m. Complaint investigated at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

7 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.

7:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 leads to an arrest made by three officers at Game Changers on Orchard View Drive. Laura Foote, 37, of Weare charged with Domestic Violence - Simple Assault - Bodily Injury; Domestic Violence - Simple Assault - Physical Contact; and Disorderly Conduct.

10:28 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Fieldstone Drive.

10:53 p.m. Disturbance investigated by five officers on Winterwood Drive.

Around Town

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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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Teen Talk

Free LIVE on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., for teens 13-18 to talk, sup-

port each other, and be heard. No preregistration necessary. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/tipstopics

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

Raising a Teenager?

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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.

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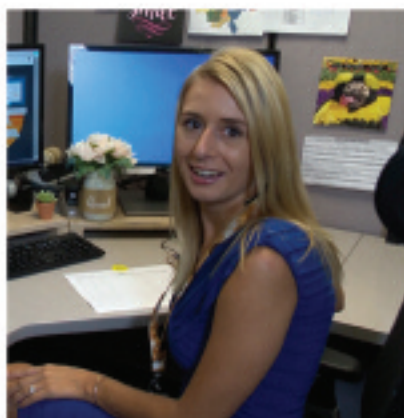
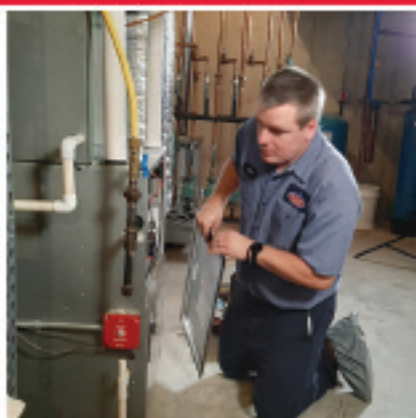
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