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Fresh Start

The new school year began for Londonderry students on Tuesday, Aug. 31 with masks being recommended but not required except on buses. Pictured, South School Principal Linda Boyd gives direction to students as they arrive on first day. Photo by Chris Paul

Committee Looks to Rebuild District Office in Town Center

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The sub-committee put together by the Londonderry School Board charged with exploring options for a new school district office met for the first time on Monday night, Aug. 30, and the main

focus was centered around plans for building something near the center of town.

Members of the committee include, Bob Slater, from the School Board, Peter Curro, the School District Business Administrator, Tim Siekmann, from the Budget

Committee, Jake Butler, from the Planning Board, Allen Miller, the facilities Director of the school district and Tony DeFrancesco a volunteer.

Also attending the meeting was Marc Lehoullier who is a project manager. **continued on page 7**

Emotions Run High as Schools Prepares for Fall Reopening

JEROME REUTER
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board met last week on Tuesday, Aug. 24 and with two members resigning after the previous meeting, only three were left to conduct the proceedings.

Discussions mainly focused on the procedures for the school district reopening with the school year starting on Tuesday, Aug. 31. Right from the start, it was more than apparent that emotions were running

high. Both the members of the board and concerned parents voiced their opinions regarding reopening. With news of the delta variant still developing and life returning to a state of relative normalcy, the concerns from the parents regarding their children going back to school are more than understandable.

A major concern was the testing of students for covid-19. The district will adhere to exclusion and quarantine regulations set by the New

Hampshire Department of Public Health in the case of viral symptoms. Participation in pool testing will be on a voluntary basis. The district is not making the process mandatory and will be offered free of charge. "We have to abide by the rules and processes that the department of public health lays out for us." Superintendent Scott Laliberte stated. This statement was met with concern from one parent who specifically mentioned

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School Board Vote for Two New Members Ends Abruptly

JEROME REUTER
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board began the search for new board members after their previous meeting in August, and by the Tuesday, Aug. 24 meeting they had over a dozen candidates to choose from, but by the meeting's end, no decision was made on appointments due to an abrupt departure by one school board member.

Unfortunately, the board had the unenviable task of serving a school district that's currently undergoing the reopening process following a global pandemic.

Superintendent Scott

Laliberte began the meeting, since the chairman had resigned the following week, and made it clear from the beginning that this will be a reorganizing process. The prior two weeks saw the resignation of board members Jenn Ganem and Michael Saucier. Now operating at a diminished size, new members needed to be chosen by the existing body of three to fill the vacancies.

Amy Finamore nominated herself to become the new chair of the board in a decision that passed 2-1. Sara Loughlin was then voted in as vice chair by another 2-1 vote. Member Bob Slater was the no vote in each

case.

The first order of business under Finamore was to officially accept the resignations of Ganem and Saucier, who had previously departed. With their resignations now completely official, the process of electing new members was implemented. While the board will ultimately choose the newest appointees, Member

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Town Experiences a Multitude of Car Break-Ins Last Week

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

While producing this week's Londonderry Police Log attention quickly focused on the multitude of automobile Break-Ins that occurred in the High Range Road area of town from Tuesday through Thursday. There were over two-dozen reports from residents in that area

telling reporting to the police department that their cars had been rifled through over night.

There was also one theft reported on Pillsbury Road.

Some of the local roads that residents reported break-ins were: Justin Circle; Alexander Road; Colonial Drive; Hancock Drive; Shasta Drive; Royal Lane; Law-

son Farm Road; and Columbia Drive.

In response, the Police Department made the following post on their Facebook page.

"While we do not experience frequent vehicle thefts or break-ins, we got hit hard last night in the center part of town to include Colonial Drive, Columbia Drive, Lawson Farm Road, Alexander Road,

Tanager Road, Justin Circle to name a few roads.

If your vehicle was rifled through or damaged last night (or ever), please call in to file a report. These cases can be tough to crack but when we do, it is important to aggregate them together. Our patrol officers are working with our Detective Squad to ID suspects and

involved vehicles. If you have a house camera, Ring doorbell, or surveillance system, please SAVE YOUR VIDEO from last night; it could help break our case!"

The post also included a flyer from the Good Year Corporation with tips on preventing auto theft.

Tips include:

• Park in a well-lit area.

• Turn wheels toward the curb.

• Never leave your keys in the car and close all windows.

• Lock your vehicle.

• Install an anti-theft system

• Avoid leaving valuables inside your vehicles.

• Do not leave any registration documents in the car.

School Board Vote

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Bob Slater made his position on this process very clear "Those folks out there elected us, and we're going to elect two people...I disagree with it." A declaration that received a large applause from those in attendance.

The primary discussion of the evening would be focused on the district's reopening process and the floor was opened for the public to make any comments regarding business other than that. Londonderry State Representative Al Bal-dasaro, a man not

known for holding back or sugarcoating his position, threw down the gauntlet when it came to choosing new board members. "I'm hoping you do interviews on who you're going to select so it's not your boy...I hope you give taxpayers the fair right to interview every one of them who submitted a request before you make your decision."

There was a brief mention of online harassment from a concerned Londonderry parent. "This community has been far from kind" she began. She then went on to mention

that an online group had published the home addresses of school board members and subsequent harassment had followed. "I think Londonderry is better than this...I'm asking that you find someone who has the bravery and the courage to stand up against the bullying we're seeing... There are many parents who are concerned with the direction that this school district is going."

Rachel Killian, who hope to become one the boards' newest acquisitions, addressed the accusations of harassment. She didn't deny publishing the addresses, but insisted this was

to open a window of communication with the board members. She also insisted that were no police records of any incidents. Regarding her application to the school board, Killian described her goal to having a "equitable representation of diverse opinions." There was more concern from the crowd regarding the process of choosing new board members. "Go slow...take your time... make thoughtful decisions." Town Council Chairman John Farrell pleaded.

After finalizing the Reopening Plan that evening, the three board members began discussing appointing two candidates from the names of candidates they had received.

Slater thought there should be more time taken to get names of

new candidates, since when the search began, they were only looking for one candidate, since then, another member had resigned.

He said in fairness to the community he thought another week or two should be given to gather more names of candidates that may not have put their name in knowing it was just one position.

He also suggested having a special meeting on the appointment.

Loughlin responded by saying she felt comfortable with appointing two candidates that had already served on the board. She felt experience was her biggest criteria. She suggested appointing Dan Lekas and Nancy Hendricks who both sat on the board previously.

Finamore felt that the sooner they have a full

board the better and agreed that the appointments should be made that evening. She also suggested Hendricks be one of the choices and she also suggested Greg DePasse.

At one point, Farrell called a point of order from the audience, saying that they should be interviewing the people who applied and who were attending the meeting.

The school's attorney didn't feel any rules were being broken with a vote that evening.

With that, Slater abruptly left the meeting before any vote could be taken, saying that an emergency had come up that he needed to address.

This left the board in its current state of just three members and bare minimum needed to reach a quorum.



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Students Are Back

The staff at South Elementary School greeted students as they got off their buses on Tuesday morning ready to start a new school year. The buses seemed to have more riders this year despite the fact that they were required to wear masks while traveling in the buses to and from school.

Photos by Chris Paul

Reopening

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tioned the liability of pool testing "I was told by the superintendent that this was a public service..." She began "What are you going to do about false positives? Why would you want your kids tested without being around? You're opening a huge liability. The schools are not in the business of health-care."

The Londonderry district will also maintain a social distancing policy of three feet and adhere to the guidelines laid out by the CDC for reopening. While continuing to wear masks and vaccinations are both recommended, they will

not be mandatory or enforced. Many parents are still concerned over students learning proper hygiene and the sanitary condition of bathrooms used by multiple students. "Not once have you brought in a public nurse in here to speak with us." A Londonderry parent said. "Has anybody here walked into the bathroom? Tell me how you can wash your hands without touching the surface...it's embarrassing."

It's not just the prevention that has some parents up in arms. Another topic discussed was the mental health of children not being able to socialize with their fellow classmates. The socialization process

during a child's formative years of adolescence is imperative for healthy development. "In the past year and a half, I have noticed a dramatic increase in kids who have had suicidal behavior..." claims Danielle Viola, a licensed mental health counselor with twenty years of experience. Viola also offered her services to the board to create an avenue of communication regarding teenagers who have had their mental health compromised. While precaution and quarantine were both

priorities during the height of the pandemic, it's important to remember that such an event has a deep impact on several aspects of life. Mental health has had a stigma attached to it for many years, and teenagers being able to communicate their issues is of the utmost importance.

Despite the varying points of view during the meeting, there came a moment of clarity from one attendee in the form of a call for solidarity. "I've had first-hand experience of treating

people during this pandemic. We're in a surge of increased cases in the northeast...I cannot stress enough the importance of making sacrifices to slow this pandemic down.... this is a request to love thy neighbor...we're all in this Covid mess together and we aren't going to get out of it by fighting over politics."

A healthy discourse

between parents and the school board is essential for a district to operate properly, the division is apparent and at times painfully obvious.

Also during the meeting, the three members briefly reorganized with Amy Finamore being voted 2-1 as the chair person and Sara Loughlin assumed the vice chair seat.



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Editorial

Labor Day

With Labor Day almost here, a day that acts as a nice transition to the start of school and the end of summer.

This year, as we celebrated with friends and family, we were urged to take precautions due to the surge in COVID-19, which continues to forever change our surroundings.

Yes, things have changed. Families on the verge of losing their homes, businesses closing, layoffs happening, and people who were once donors to charities and social service organizations becoming recipients.

Labor Day is a holiday that gives recognition to all American workers who labor to keep our country going. America's economy moves like a machine, fueled by the hard work of all its citizens laboring for independence, family, and the American dream.

This year, the average American employee and employer has faced nearly insurmountable turmoil from this pandemic, lost jobs, inability to find workers, furloughs, gas price increases, lost wages and revenues hit both sides.

Despite all of this, we as a whole are hardworking Americans struggling to make ends meet, especially as income continue to lag behind the high cost of housing, food, gas and healthcare costs. Inflation grows but incomes stays stagnate.

Many still struggle to earn enough to cover basic necessities,

even with government stimulus. I call it corporate greed when large corporations make a killing off COVID-19 and do not pass along their good fortunes to workers or share it with smaller businesses.

We recognize that local commercial businesses are suffering after adapting to the new regulations. Many businesses still look hopefully towards a good holiday season to pull them through these financially changing times. You can include this local business among them.

We can take for granted how many comforts we as a society have. We should reflect on the work and sacrifice of everyone who contributes to our country, our freedoms, and our way of life, even with the problems that we continually tweak to make better.

Beyond these financial, social and emotional losses that are hitting home for many of us, there are too many intangibles to list that make us strong when it comes to figuring out all that has been lost and all that we must do. We as humans are very resilient.

In the end, the burden remains on all of us to do our share.

What we do for others will shape what this community, and the world, will look like when we come out of this pandemic.

We still have each other. That will have to be enough to make it through.

Letters

Property Revaluations

To the editor,
Despicable!

In a time when Covid turned the world on its head, countless people lost jobs and many businesses had to close shop. Food prices have skyrocketed and automobiles are going for \$5,000 plus OVER sticker price. Now the town of Londonderry thinks this is a good time to add an extra burden to the residents of this town.

This is nothing but a money grab. Changing the assessment policy when the market is at its highest peek in decades and while reassessment should be three-years away is corrupt politics. Then trying to sugar coat it by saying this will ease the burden down the road is an outright lie and a insult to our intelligence.

The market will level out soon so the town wants to get us at a higher assessment value now. This way residents will be paying higher real estate taxes over the next three years. The town has to know the real estate has just about peaked and the value of your home three years from now will not be much different than what it will be this coming spring.

The town has warned residents that they will be mailing letters on the new assessment values soon and to expect a 14 percent or more higher home assessment value. For people on a fixed income this could be devastating.

I have lived in this town for 21-years and my real estate taxes have NEVER decreased. I guess no need to reassess when values are down.

I am pretty sure Steve

Hamilton does not even live in this town.

A conflict of interest in my opinion.

It is time to remove our so called town leaders as soon as the next election comes around. They are not looking out for the residents of this great town.

Brian Rogers
Londonderry

Londonderry Historical Society Says Thanks!

To the Editor:

What a day! Thank goodness the rain stayed away for our Old Home Day 'Live History' Event at the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum!

Our grounds were filled with the First NH Regiment's Revolutionary War encampment with children's games, militia drills, cooking demonstrations and canon firings, and the many Colonial Craftsmen and Tradesmen of the period, including the cooper, planer & joiner, tinsmith, hornsmith, surgeon, washerwoman, corn husk doll maker, basket maker, gunsmith and blacksmith. Did they inspire you to become a reenactor or study an early trade?

Did you get a chance learn about the history, culture and lifeways of the indigenous people of New Hampshire with the Council Leaders of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People?

Did you meet the affable Mr. Forrest Pratt-Londonderry's Boston Post Cane Holder?

Maybe you toured the c.1840 R.P. Clark & Son Blacksmith shop and the c.1859 Parmenter Barn with our members David Colglazier and Bill Bringhamst?

You couldn't miss

hearing Kenny Joudry's early 1900s hit-or-miss engine and seeing Ray Breslin's newly restored 1955 John Deere Model 44 Row Crop Tractor!

And we hope you enjoyed the lively toe-tapping music of the twin fiddlers playing their peppy old time dance music and smooth rich ballads-what a great duo!

Yes, the front and back yards of our grounds were alive with activity! But again, we'll have to say that nobody was busier than Eric Turcotte, of Turcotte Tree Service, who on Friday evening, set up his two smoker/roasters for the 2-Pig-Roast-BBQ and all night watched over the two huge roasting pigs he donated for the event. After being in the parade on Saturday, Turcotte prepared the pigs for serving and our guests devoured the tasty and tender pulled pork, the sweet corn-on-the cob, refreshing watermelon and a cold drink, too! Everything was so good, and we can't thank Eric Turcotte and crew enough for making this happen- again!

Also, a big "Thank You" goes to Mike Cross, for donating all the delicious sweet corn-on-the-cob, and our sponsor, Mr. Joseph Pelletier, manager of our local O'Reilly Auto Parts store for his generous personal donation in support of our Old Home Day!

We hope you had a great time at our 'Live History' event, and from all of us at the Londonderry Historical Society, our heartfelt "Thanks!" to you, the wonderful residents of Londonderry for supporting us on Old Home Day and in

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Lessons We've Learned From the COVID-19 Pandemic

MIKE SPELTZ
OPINION SUBMISSION

Could anything good come of the misery wrought by the COVID pandemic? The obvious answer would seem to be "No!" But consider: absent the pandemic would we now fully appreciate the selfless heroism of medical professionals, first responders, and the millions of delivery drivers, store clerks and countless others that kept the economy from grinding to a halt? All those folks are still there, doing their jobs, but we no longer take their service for granted.

In the early days of the pandemic the motto was "We're all in this together." At least for a while we all recognized that no one could completely escape the economic and health consequences. We all had to wear masks and observe social distancing for our own protection, but mostly to protect others from us. We provided food to those who lost their jobs and to kids no longer able to get a free lunch at school. Young people shopped for more vulnerable people. We helped each other out. We learned that we as individuals depended on others to do their part, just as others depended on us.

When the vaccines became available, we were relieved. Then COVID variants began to appear among unvaccinated populations all over the world. Repeated surges of infections demonstrated that if we were not vigilant with masking and social distancing, unvaccinated people would contract the virus. And now, with the Delta variant, we find out that vaccinated people can unwittingly infect unvaccinated people. So, we have learned, once again, that "We are all in this together." We depend on each one of us to keep us all safe—and that includes getting the rest of the world vaccinated.

When we started adding up the damages from COVID, it became clear that the harms fell disproportionately on minorities and the poor. The reasons for this are multiple and interconnected. There is no one "silver bullet" that keeps everyone safer: interconnected problems call for interconnected solutions.

Thanks to COVID we

rediscovered the outdoors. The Musquash trail maps disappeared faster than they could be replenished. Outdoor gatherings around fire pits replaced dinner parties. We treated cabin fever with walks in the woods or on the rail trail. We learned the healing power of nature.

These five lessons—appreciating one another, recognizing our dependence on one another, realizing that no one is safe until everyone is safe, the need to tackle interconnected problems, and the value of nature—apply to another crisis we face: our overheated Earth.

The recent release of Volume I of the sixth UN climate change Assessment Report summarizes the physical science behind the climate impacts we are seeing and will see. The report is characterized as a "red alert" urging us to act. One of the review authors of the report is Londonderry High School graduate Dr. Ed Carr. Just as we appreciate our frontline work-

ers, so we must appreciate the volunteer work of Dr. Carr and those on the frontlines of climate science.

Just as protecting ourselves from COVID forces us to depend on one another to limit the virus' spread and to provide help, so we will have to depend on one another to support policies and actions to limit warming and to help others when weather extremes occur.

Just as recognizing that no one is safe from COVID till everyone is safe, so we must recognize that no one is protected from the impacts of climate change until everyone is protected. Climate migration, failing agriculture, and the associated threats to peace and stability will affect even the most affluent and secure nations. Afghan farmers are earning more money fighting for the Taliban than they could dealing with climate

induced drought and floods under a government that failed to help them.

Just as COVID is made worse by inadequate housing, limited access to medical care, and response measures that don't work without broadband or a car, so too do some of these very same factors complicate responses to climate change. We won't add insulations to our home before we pay for food or medicine. We won't understand the causes and consequences of climate change unless we are taught them in a good school. We won't stop producing coal if coal miners have no alternative work. Saint Gobain would not have reduced their PFAS emissions if there were no Clean Air Act or no government agency to enforce it. We don't have one climate crisis; we have many interrelated crises.

Just as nature and

the great outdoors made the months of lockdowns more tolerable, so nature can both mitigate climate change and help us adapt to its impacts. Trees and wetlands take up carbon dioxide and hold back flood waters. Open land filters water and allows it stay in the ground. Reefs dissipate the energy of waves and slow down storm surge. We will need all the tools we can get.

So, COVID, for all its misery, has shown us some good and useful things about ourselves and our world. We have demonstrated that we can change the way we behave and live for the benefit of everyone. Let us apply these lessons to make the world a better and safer place for all of us. Let us measure our success not by gross domestic product or personal wealth, but rather by how well we care for others and for the world around us.

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Ann Chiampa
Curator & Old Home
Day Chair
Londonderry
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Response to Letter

To the editor,
In response to the letter regarding "Masks in Schools" in which the writer states "Masks are the best defense against this disease". Let's state some facts over feelings. It is nothing more

than a false sense of security and a means of CONTROL. It also is nothing short of child abuse in my opinion and the opinion of many millions of parents across this country.

Natural Immunity is what is needed to fight "THE FLU". The FLU is deadlier each year and kills more people the Covid, yet in no past years has ANYONE mandated mask wearing.

Covid is 98% recoverable and the also the average age of those dying from it is 78. Now I know this sounds harsh but the average life expectancy for people in 2020 is between 76 and 80 and since almost ALL deaths since 2020 have been CODED as COVID when in fact most were attributable to other comorbidities. With such skewed statistics you cannot say this was a PANDEMIC due to the lack of HONEST factual Death certificate data. Due to this information you cannot constitute this as a REAL PANDEMIC. Good forbid we ever have a real pandemic.

Masks on school age children and anyone else who does not have a compromised immune system does more harm than good.

This information below is from the Epoch Times which you can view online and dated August 20th 2021. The article entitled "Bacteria filled masks" Under the

category FACTS MATTER by Roman Balmkov and states that the masks were worn for an average of 5.5 hours.

Over in Florida, a group of parents were so concerned their kids were being forced to wear masks all day long at school that they had their kids masks sent for a laboratory test. After the analysis, it was found that the masks had the presence of 11 dangerous pathogens, as well as FUNGI, PARASITES, and bacteria. Here is the list of diseases found.

The analysis detected the following 11 dangerous pathogens on the masks:

- Streptococcus pneumoniae (pneumonia)
- Mycobacterium tuberculosis (tuberculosis)
- Neisseria meningitidis (meningitis, sepsis)
- Acanthamoeba polyphaga (keratitis and granulomatous amebic encephalitis)
- Acinetobacter baumannii (pneumonia, blood stream infections, meningitis, UTIs - resistant to antibiotics)
- Escherichia coli (food poisoning)
- Borrelia burgdorferi (causes Lyme disease)
- Corynebacterium diphtheriae (diphtheria)
- Legionella pneumophila (Legionnaires' disease)
- Staphylococcus pyogenes serotype M3 (severe infections - high morbidity rates)
- Staphylococcus aureus (meningitis, sepsis)

I am not sure about you but I will take a hard look at this before Masking up ANY CHILD.

Pat Scannura
Londonderry

Failed Presidency

To the editor,
After seven months, Biden's administration is a disastrous failure. His policy allowing hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens, human trafficking and criminals to cross our southern border is costing billions of dollars paid by your taxes to provide housing, living expenses, medical care and law enforcement to track and arrest gang criminals; and the highest levels of fentanyl killing our children more than ever. Dumping trillions of stimulus dollars into the economy with \$4.5T more legislation coming to buy votes and keeping workers at home finding it more beneficial to live off stimulus money than productive work. Result, inflation caused by too much money in circulation chasing too few goods caused by lack of workers. Then there's Biden's detestable Afghanistan "turn tail and run" policy; the most despicable act in American history perceived by NATO allies that America is not a country to rely on if they are threatened predicated by NATO policy. Thirteen American servicemen were killed by the Taliban splinter ISIS-K that is directly on Biden's head due to his

incompetent and senile handling of America's withdrawal from Afghanistan leaving behind hundreds of Americans for Taliban and ISIS-K to hunt, kill or hold hostage for ransom. How can it be that a ragtag Taliban is dictating terms to the most powerful country in the world and to our president? Embarrassing. It took two decades for America to overcome Vietnam's dishonorable withdrawal which to this day leaves a scar with me as with Afghan veterans who served, were injured, lost limbs and families of those killed; not to mention thousands who came home with PTSD who wonder was their time in country worth it. Biden abandoned them. Biden and his puppeteers wanted to make the withdrawal the seminal accomplishment in his presidency to gloat over. Instead, it has become the most embarrassing event in American history. This stain on America will have negative repercussions for decades with our allies and America's perception of itself. This event may well be the defining moment in whether this is a blip in America's history or the date marking America's decline from world leadership to a secondary nation subservient to a rising China. Voters may not have liked Trump's personality, but the Afghan debacle would not have happened under his watch and America would not be facing this pivotal moment to America's head due to his

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OBITUARY

Michael Lorne Ahl

Michael Lorne Ahl, 70, of Londonderry, NH, formerly of Reading, MA, died Wednesday Aug. 25, 2021, in his home, with his family by his side, after a lengthy battle with lung disease. He was born in Melrose, MA on Aug. 10, 1951, son of Hjalmar and the late Irene (Morgan) Ahl.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Deborah (Dunning) Ahl of Londonderry; son, Ryan Ahl and wife Jamie of Londonderry; three daughters, Micaela Ahl-Ford and husband Robert of Tyngsboro, MA, Anna (Ahl) Roberts and husband Kevin of Northfield, NH, and Ashley (Ahl) Gendron and husband Eric of Lee, NH; two sisters, Donna Rodgers of Derry, NH, and Annamaria Ahl of Wells, ME; six grandchildren, Justin, Jacob, Maisie, Calvin, Alden and Tommy; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Michael loved spending time with his family and celebrating traditions, especially Christmas and the hunt for the perfect Christmas tree. He loved nature and the outdoors, camping with his family, canoeing and fishing. Mike and Deb had a deep love for each other that began in the summer of 1969.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the Peabody Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m., in the funeral home. At the family's request, masks are strongly recommended. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester & Southern NH (www.manchestervna.org). To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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Letters

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ica's future. Trump's plan to withdraw by May 1 was a target date conditioned that all Americans would be withdrawn and Taliban wouldn't kill any Americans else Trump would unleash the full power of America's military to hunt and kill their leadership. It was only when Biden announced his no conditions withdrawal and abandoned the Afghan military did the Taliban march and our servicemen became targets with 13 killed. Biden is too frail mentally and physically to understand that he at the dictates of his puppeteers is destroying America. Nov. 2022 and 2024 are dates that America must

come back from Biden's disastrous, destructive and divisive Build Back Better laughable catch phrase.

Bob Pitre
Vietnam 1969
Londonderry

RE: The Current Situation

To the editor,
Thank you for sharing your letter, and providing some context, as well as your opinion. I will do the same with additional context and my own opinions. I believe many are just finding out there was even a Deal made with the Taliban, signed in Feb. 2020. In reading this deal, the only Word which comes to mind is Horrific.

This Deal made with the Taliban, largely in

secret, devoid of the Afghan Government and our Allies, I view as a betrayal to our Armed service members, the US Military, the Afghan people, our Allies, and the US as well. What was the Deal? The then Trump administration in February 2020 negotiated a withdrawal agreement with the Taliban that freed 5,000 imprisoned Taliban soldiers and set a date certain of May 1, 2021, for the final withdrawal. The Trump administration kept to the pact, reducing U.S. troop levels from about 13,000 to 2,500, even though the Taliban continued to attack Afghan government forces and welcomed al-Qaeda terrorists into the Taliban. What did the US Get? A bag full of Promises from

the Taliban. It should be noted the President of Afghanistan strongly Objected to this Deal.

You are correct it had been months, 18 in Fact. Except for the above, there was NO plan for evacuating our Munitions, Equipment, American Citizens or Afghan Friends of the US. This was debated in Congress, as well as the months of Hold ups on the SIV Visa's for Afghan Citizens.

Since Biden: Starting in February 2021 President Biden formed a committee to address the Withdrawal. As President Biden had stated: He met with the Afghan President in June and was Urged not to withdraw to quickly, as he did not want to cause a morale issue with the

Afghan Military (that's not a joke). Biden changed the Final withdrawal date from May 1 to Aug. 31 with the intent of making it a more orderly, safer Exit.

As we all know the situation changed drastically starting on Aug. 6th, as the Taliban started taking over. As General Miley stated: NO ONE, I repeat no one, expected an Army the size of the Afghan army (180,000) to collapse in a matter of days. My believe is, this is why so many Americans did not heed the warning signs and leave Afghanistan earlier.

I would disagree, in that the Job Done thus far, getting out close to 100,000 people in a matter of a few weeks, has been Monumental.

I think we can all

agree ending our 20-year war in Afghanistan is a good thing. There will be much time for the blame game after Aug. 31st. Right now, we can all help by cutting down on the rhetoric. However, how I do hope for Congress to announce an Investigation into the Afghanistan Crisis. I can pretty much Guarantee which party would fight it, tooth and nail.

Steve Homsey
Londonderry

Amy Pitts Letter

To the editor,
Amy Pitt's letter was such a joy to read and just how much I support her position, all the way to the moon and back.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

School Office Plan

Continued from page 1
ect manager for the Trident Group out of Salem. Slater began the meeting by reminding the group what he hoped to accomplish over the next few months. He explained that he brought Lehoullier in to help with figuring out how much a new two-story office building adjacent to the Town Hall would cost the town. He hoped that would happen by December of this year.

DeFrancesco gave a short history on how the committee came about. He explained that Slater

had proposed the idea to the school board a number of months ago to get the district out of the rental space on Kitty Hawke Landing and back into the space it use to be in. This committee was formed for that purpose.

Curro reminded the group that the school district "has to leave Kitty Hawk, so there's no if it works or doesn't work," on the plan. "Unless the price is like \$20 million." He was hoping the price would be closer to two and a half million dollars.

DeFrancesco added

that to that point, there were many cost savings with having the office rebuilt at its old site. There would be no need to buy land or build a parking lot and water lines already exist there.

He added, "This is probably the cheapest place to do it and it would cost less than what they're paying currently."

Lehoullier spoke to the group and stated that the biggest obstacle at this point is time. He felt the process was getting a late start if they wanted to get it on the March ballot. He said the Trident Group is prepared to send out a RFP

to a select group of builders.

At that point Curro mentioned to Lehoullier that the floor plan the district currently is using works great and that plan could easily be used for whatever plan is developed. He hoped that would help defray the design costs and save time.

Lehoullier felt that the group would have to make a choice for the construction manager/design firm by Oct. 1 in order to move forward with a warrant article.

He hoped to have three companies responding to the RFP, but

noted that because of the tight timeline there would be fewer interested.

Lehoullier added that he didn't feel he would have a cost for the project until after the first of the year.

Curro mentioned that the number would have to be close to ready for a bond hearing on Jan. 13, 2022. He added that at that point the cost could be an approximate number, but by Feb. 11, it would have to be a final number.

Even with the short timeline, DeFrancesco thought that the town

should move forward with the plan, saying that bond rates are very low and if the total cost is \$2.5 million there's no better time to do it.

Slater added that there is about \$210,000 a year being paid for the Kitty Hawk building and it would be better if that money was going back to the town in property taxes.

The meeting ended with Lehoullier telling the committee that he would be sending the RFP out by the end of the week or the beginning of the following week and hopes to get three solid bids.



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Veterans Blues Festival Takes Place on Town Common



Local resident and Blues Musician Dennis Martin organized and held the annual Blues Festival on the Londonderry Town Common to benefit local veterans on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 28. Three bands entertained those gathered along with informational booths set up around the common.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Field Hockey Team Settles for Tie in Home Opener

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

attempts at victory.

The team was also able to ward off a number of corner attempts that ended the third period.

Londonderry goals were scored by Meghan Daileanes, assisted by Ashleigh Leone; Rease St. Gelais was assisted by Caroline Leone for the second goal; and Caroline Leone scored the game-tying goal assisted by Ashleigh Leone.

Lady Lancer goalie Kathryn Martin had 10 saves in the game while the Timberlane goalie was able to stop 18 shots by Londonderry.

The team's next game will be on the road at Keene High School on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The Lady Lancer Field Hockey Team battled extremely hard during a hot and humid afternoon on Monday, Aug. 30 and managed to battle their way a 3-3 tie against the Timberlane Regional High School team to start the 2021 season.

With weather conditions taking its toll on both sides, Londonderry was able to overcome a 3-2 deficit in the final period to tie the game and send it into an over-time period.

In the period, despite the fact that neither side were able to score, the Lady Lancer defense stood tough and fought off the Lady Owls



Meghan Daileanes scored the first goal of the season for the Lady Lancers Field Hockey team.



Caroline Leone scored the game-tying goal in the season opener. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lady Lancer Soccer Squad Starts Season with 5-1 Loss



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Soccer squad was coming off a Covid-shortened 2020 season that left them with at 5-4-1 in the regular season record and just making the playoffs. Unfortunately they started their 2021 fall season with a difficult loss to a strong competitor.

Head coach Derek Dane and his team traveled to Exeter High School on Friday, Aug. 27 to open the season and wound up suffering a 5-1 loss to the Lady Blue Hawks.

The Lady Lancers watched Exeter score five unanswered goals to start the game until the 67th minute, when they were final able to garner

their first goal of the young season.

That goal came off the foot of Ashley Manor with the assist going to Mia Stowell.

Exeter was able to lead by three goals by three different players after the first half and added two more in the second before Londonderry was able to get their first and only point of the game.

Exeter had 15 total shots on net in the game, while the Lady Lancer had just eight.

Londonderry's Liana Sawyer made a total of eight stops and Exeter's Kristen Bickford managed six.

Londonderry looked to even their record on Tuesday, Aug. 29 against Nashua South High School at home.



Mia Stowell should help provide plenty of offense for the Lady Lancers this season.

Ashley Manor had the lone goal in the 5-1 loss against Exeter High School to start the season last week. Photos by Chris Paul

Lancer Boys Soccer Team Battles for First Victory

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Soccer squad started its 2021 fall season with a very nice 1-0 win against the Exeter High School Blue Hawks at home on Friday, Aug. 27.

The only goal of the game was scored by Tyler Kraft, who scored in the 27th minute and was assisted by Christian Levantovski-Correa.

Lancer goalie Erik Gagne had an extremely solid first game in net and knocked away 11 attempts, including a penalty kick.

Exeter's Johnny Myers blocked four on the other side of the field.

With the tight win Londonderry was able to start its season at 1-0-0.

Head Coach Todd Ellis was happy with the win. "It was a hard fought win for us today.

Both teams did a good job of putting the other on their heels at various times. Erik made some great saves, including the late PK. We played well at times, but this early game showed us there is still plenty for us to work on."

The team attempted to get their second win of the season when they traveled to Nashua South to face the Purple Panthers on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

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Volunteers Needed For Statewide Nature Scavenger Hunt

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension seeks volunteers to gather nature observations on town-owned lands across New Hampshire during the month of September. Volunteers of all ages are needed to report sightings of living things including trees, flowers, mushrooms, birds and

mammals. No experience is necessary, and online trainings are available for interested volunteers.

To learn more and get involved, visit extension.unh.edu/nhbioblitz. Available resources include guidance on how to find town lands and information on how to submit observations. There is also informa-

tion on a series of guided identification walks planned throughout the state during the month of September.

The month-long effort is part of a statewide event called the NH BioBlitz, organized by the UNH Extension in collaboration with town Conservation Commissions. "A bioblitz is like a species scavenger

hunt," says project coordinator Haley Andreozzi, the UNH Extension wildlife outreach program manager. "We started this project to involve the public in helping communities learn more about natural resources on town lands," says Andreozzi.

To participate, volunteers can download a free mobile app called

iNaturalist that collects photographs and helps with identification of plants and animals. Volunteers may also contribute observations using a desktop computer. Any observations made on town-owned lands in New Hampshire during the month of September will be included and made available to town conservation com-

missions at the end of the project.

"Many towns don't have a lot of information about the natural resources on the properties they own," reports Andreozzi. "Data collected by NH BioBlitz volunteers will help communities make decisions about conservation, management, and recreation on town lands in the future."

Going Green: Water is Essential to All Life on Our Planet

Surface and ground waters support a variety of human uses, including drinking, irrigation of crops and landscapes, industrial processes, domestic applications, and recreation.

Residents have historically thought of New Hampshire as water-rich, and of conservation as something that only people in dry states need to practice. However, that perception is changing. As Benjamin Franklin said, "When the well's dry, you know the worth of water," which was later paraphrased by Rowland Howard as "You never miss the

water 'til the well runs dry."

Lower Water Levels

In parts of our state, wells have indeed gone dry. Water levels in some New Hampshire lakes, ponds, aquifers, and streams have dropped, largely due to over-mining of groundwater supplies. When private and public water wells withdraw more water than the aquifer that supplies them can provide, surface waters may recharge the groundwater. This condition can have serious impacts on both public health and the economy.

Federal regulations

applicable to public drinking water quality have become progressively more stringent. Untreated water that once met federal drinking water quality standards is no longer considered drinkable, and public water suppliers are faced with the increasing chemical, energy, and waste disposal costs of treating water. These cost increases are passed along to their customers in the form of higher rates.

Groundwater supplies are more frequently experiencing quantity deficits. Many private and com-

munity wells in New Hampshire have been deepened, replaced, or abandoned due to dwindling production. This decline can be attributed to the stress of escalating housing and industrial development and periodic near-drought conditions. Drilling more or deeper wells, however, will not solve long-term water availability problems.

Water Saving Measures

This does not mean New Hampshire residents

have to do without adequate water. It simply means that we need to adopt more efficient ways of using water. States that are less water-rich than New Hampshire have practiced water efficiency methods for decades. Thousands of water-efficient products are now available. Water efficiency management techniques have also been developed, including water use and conservation audits, water fixture retrofitting, irrigation

scheduling, and water supply maintenance programs.

Water efficiency practices are proven to save valuable water resources and protect the environment. One of the great side benefits of these practices is the simple fact that they save money. Even though the initial cost of replacements or retrofits might be high, most water users find the water-related savings result in a surprisingly short payback period.

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Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly General Meeting on Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Post 27 is located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). For more information see www.alpost27.com.

Karaoke Night

On Sept. 17, American Legion Post 27 will hold Karaoke with DJ Sharon from 7:30 - 11 p.m. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. Post 27 is located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). For more information see www.alpost27.com.

Football Meals

At the American Legion Post 27 a team of people is

cooking, smoking or frying food each Sunday during football season. Members and guests are welcome to attend and the cost is \$5 per person. Post 27 is located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). For more information see www.alpost27.com.

Welcome Back Social

The Londonderry Women's Club will hold its annual Welcome Back social on Wednesday, Sept. 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Morrison House in Londonderry. Women in the community interested in learning more about the club are encouraged to attend.

Building Me

Strategies Program Coordinator, Building Me, is a 4 week series, that will offer 4 virtual lunch time workshops to discuss simple steps to achieving a

balanced lifestyle. Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24, it will on zoom at 12 - 12:45 p.m. This series is FREE of charge and hosted by the Upper Room. To register, call Beth O'Connell at 603-437-8477 x124 or e mail boconnell@urteachers.org For more information about support and services for young adults 18 - 30 please call x124.

Recovery Capital

Building Your Recovery Capital, is designed to create positive steps to increase your recovery capital. This series offers education & guidance on essential recovery topics to help you successfully manage early recovery. Build skills in resilience, enhance your recovery skills toolbox, and deepen your self-awareness. Oct. 8, 15, 22, it will be on zoom at 12 - 12:45 p.m. This series is FREE of charge and hosted

by the Upper Room. To register, call Beth O'Connell at 603-437-8477 x124 or e mail boconnell@urteachers.org For more information about support and services for young adults 18 - 30 please call x124.

2021 Skip Burbine Tennis Open

The 3rd annual Skip Burbine Open will be held on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 11 and 12. The tennis tournament will be held on the Skip Burbine Tennis Courts at the LAFA Complex and is looking for participants in Men's Doubles; Women's Doubles; and Mixed Doubles. The cost is \$35 per player, which will go toward the Skip Burbine Scholarship Fund. The sign-up deadline is Saturday, Sept. 4. Sign up by emailing doubles team's first and last names, t-shirt size and a phone number to: skipburbinefoundation@gmail.com. The rain date for the tournament will be Sept. 18 and 19.

Oktoberfest

For friends, members, and affiliates The Londonderry Republican Committee is having its 2nd Annual Oktoberfest, Thursday, Sept. 16, from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at Londonderry's American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd. Along with the Oktoberfest menu of brats and hot dogs with all the fixings, there will be music, special speakers, and introductions of available 2022 Republican Candidates. This fun event is only \$25 per person aged 13 and above. Children 12 and under are free. Levels of sponsorships are available that include acknowledgements and event tickets. Contact Liz Thomas at eathomas@comcast.net or 603-505-6007 to learn more or to RSVP. Walk-ins are welcome. Yet, preregistration will assure accommodation.

Strengths Based Parenting Workshop

On Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road Derry, is hosting an evening with Charlie Applestein for a workshop entitled Strengths Based Parenting, in partnership with Salem Family Resource Center. This workshop will share solutions with parents and care-

givers, which can be effective to managing everyday childhood challenges that present themselves in families. "Raising children is a big job, and we want to offer parents and caregivers the opportunities to come together, explore what is working for them and what needs attention. Looking at how to reframe a challenge can be a great way to focus on a small change that can make a big difference", says Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director. This event is Free of charge. To register for the event, www.bit.ly/TURStrengthbasedparenting For more parenting workshops, and events visit www.URTeachers.org for a full list of workshops, classes, support groups and parent child playgroups.

Green Team

Green Team monthly meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of every month. Upstairs in the Londonderry Lions Hall at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. The next meeting is Thursday Sept. 16. For more information go to our face Book page www.facebook.com/groupsgreenteamlondonderry or call 603-537-2760

Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday Sept. 30, from 2 - 7 p.m., at the Derry VFW post 1617, located at 18 Railroad Ave., Derry. To schedule an appointment go to derryrhgop@gmail.com. Limited Edition tee shirt for donors. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter VFW-POST 1617 to schedule an appointment

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. Dinner on Sept. 12, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS) from 2 - 2:30 p.m.; Special Derryfest Breakfast on Sept. 18, at St.

Luke's Parish, at 8 a.m., Please park on street or municipal lot & walk around to back of church; Dinner on Sept. 24, at First Parish Church, from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door; Breakfast on Sept. 26, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS) from 9 - 9:30 a.m.; Lunch on Sept. 26, at St. Jude's Parish, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Sunshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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.

Learn to Play Tennis

The Londonderry Tennis Camp is putting together a Learn to Play Tennis program for boys and girls aged 7-13-years-old. The program will take place on Mondays from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Skip Burbine Tennis Courts at the LAFA Complex starting Sept. 13. The five-week program will cost \$150 with and early bird special of \$135 if payment is received by Aug. 31. Email Roberta Davis at davssare@gmail.com with questions or to register tour child.

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,

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Etz Hayim Religious Learning,

The Etz Haymin Synagogue is holding Religious Learnings on Tuesdays, Weekly starting Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. (Ages 7-18) This entail: Hebrew letter recog-

nition 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.

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 require-

ments on tickets or reservations. Schedules are as follows: 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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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Aug. 23

10:18 a.m. Services rendered for report of Identity Theft on Woodhenge Circle.

10:20 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Macintosh Lane.

12:07 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Anthony Drive.

1:40 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Mammoth Road.

3:58 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at U.S. Post Office on Nashua Road.

4:59 p.m. Car Break-In investigated on Nashua Road.

6:32 p.m. Arrest made during Domestic Disturbance on Scots Place. Bertrand Bibeau, 55, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Mischief; and two counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact).

Tuesday - Aug. 24

9:29 a.m. Peace restored by three officers after a

disturbance at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

2:12 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Teton Drive.

2:45 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Charleston Avenue. Jesse Maheu, 30, of Manchester charged with Criminal Mischief.

2:52 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Walnut Street at Manchester. Devin Woods, 20, of Manchester charged with Reckless Conduct.

3:28 p.m. Services Rendered in keeping the peace on Scots Place.

Wednesday - Aug. 25

6:15 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on Gregg Circle.

6:59 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on Rockwood Lane.

7:04 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on Colonial Drive.

7:05 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on King John Drive.

7:30 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on Fairway Road.

7:44 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Holton Circle.

7:51 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on Columbia Drive.

8 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on Lawson Farm Road.

8:04 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Silas Rock Drive.

8:15 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Alexander Road.

8:17 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Justin Circle.

8:19 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Colonial Drive.

8:27 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on on Justin Circle.

8:53 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on Silas Rock Drive.

8:59 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on on Rain-tree Drive.

9:12 a.m. Services rendered for Car Breaks on Colonial Drive.

9:25 a.m. Auto Theft investigated on Pillsbury Road.

9:34 a.m. Services rendered

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dered for Car Break-in on Castle Court.

9:43 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Hancock Drive.

10:01 p.m. Car Break-in investigated on Justin Circle.

10:18 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at The Dubai Group on Harvey Road.

10:29 a.m. Car Break-in investigated on Lawson Farm Road.

10:32 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Colonial Drive.

10:47 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Colonial Drive.

11:45 a.m. Car Breaks Investigated on King Charles Drive.

11:57 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Shasta Drive.

2:34 p.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Columbia Drive.

2:33 p.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on Royal Lane.

2:38 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Sweet Landscaping on Nashua Road.

4:29 p.m. Car Break-in investigated on Colonial Drive.

4:45 p.m. Car Break-in investigated on Lawson Farm Road.

4:47 p.m. Car Break-in investigated on Grapevine Circle.

7:09 p.m. Car Break-in investigated on Royal Lane.

7:15 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on

Garden Lane.

7:18 p.m. Car Break-in investigated on Royal Lane.

Thursday - Aug. 26

1:03 a.m. Three officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

1:45 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Old Derry Road. Elaine Pare, 49, of Londonderry charged with Theft By Deception of over \$1,501, and Receiving Stolen Property of over \$1,501.

2:51 p.m. Services rendered for Car Break-in on High Range Road.

3:04 p.m. Arrest made by four officers at a Disturbance at the CVS Pharmacy on Mammoth Road. Shawn Zubrzycki, 43, of Londonderry charged

with Willful Concealment - Theft; Resist Arrest/Detention; Disorderly Conduct; and Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact).

3:10 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at the Londonderry Police Department on Mammoth Road.

4:59 p.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Davis Drive.

5:06 p.m. Arrest made after a report of Criminal Threatening at Town Fair Tire on Nashua Road. Cory Faria, 29, of Derry arrested on a Warrant.

6:51 p.m. Shooting complaint investigated on Stonehenge Road.

Friday - Aug. 27

11:43 a.m. Services ren-

dered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:19 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Boulder Drive.

12:26 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Fieldstone Drive at Mammoth Road.

3:03 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at Workout Club and Wellness Center on Orchard View Drive.

2:28 p.m. Peace Restored after a Disturbance at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Saturday - Aug. 28

12:40 a.m. Domestic Disturbance on South Road investigated by three officers.

1:12 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Charleston Avenue.

2:29 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Noyes Road.

2:33 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Hardy Road.

7:47 p.m. Peace restored after a Complaint on Twin Isles Road.

9:12 p.m. Peace restored after a on Fieldstone Drive.

Sunday - Aug. 29

3:42 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Rolling Meadows Condo Association on Bayberry Lane.

9:26 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Around Town

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OBITUARY

Captain Martin Gelb



Martin Gelb, 101 of Hudson NH died on Monday, Aug. 30, 2021. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on Sept. 27, 1919 to Fannie and Nathan Gelb. He is survived by daughter Nancy Gelb-Sag and husband Bob Sag, son

Larry Gelb and wife Randy of NY. Four grandchildren: Jamie Bressler and Husband Dave, Joshua Sag and Katy Lordan, Benjamin Gelb, and Rachel Gelb, 5 great grandchildren, Benjamin, Samuel and Lillie Bressler, Jesse Sag and Thomas Zajac., many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, sister Edna and husband Henry Vogel of Queens NY, brother Irving and wife Beatrice of California

He joined the military in 1940, and in 1942 was in OCS from there he was recruited into the OSS (Office of Strategic Services, forerunner of the CIA) Initially he was in England helping to set up communications for D-Day. He was then sent as part of "Wild" Bill Donovan's crew behind enemy lines to work with the French and Polish resistance helping hunt down German Scientists and war criminals. His name appeared on a list of spies kept by the Germans that was later found in a locked safe in Paris. In 1945, he helped liberate Buchenwald and later helped to set up communications at Nuremberg. The members of the OSS were recognized for their service and awarded the Congressional gold medal by Senator Shaheen in 2018.

After the war he was a trouble shooter for the NY Telephone Company, and retired in 1976

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