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Musquash Walk Residents head out for an education hike through the Musquash Swamp at Preserve Drive on Saturday morning for what was an abridged version of the annual Musquash Day. There were two other similar hikes taking place at other areas that morning.

Photo by Chris Paul

Conservation Commission Looks at Lot Adjustment, Site Plan Revision

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission reviewed proposed property adjustment and revised site development applications at its Tuesday, Feb. 9, meeting.

Lorden Commons, a residential conservation

subdivision off Old Derry Road, is requesting a lot line adjustment between Tax Map 16 Lot 38-126 and Tax Map 3 Lot 38-127 within the subdivision. Chinburg Properties is the applicant.

The proposal is to move one of the lots approximately 7.5 feet to

have a more buildable area, said Jason Lopez, a project manager with the surveyor, Keach-Nordstrom Associates. Lot 127 has frontage on Calla Road and Clover Lane.

Two front setbacks now reduce the buildable area to 25 feet. **continued on page 7**

Town Manager Reflects During State of the Town Address

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith gave his State of the Town Address last year, things were totally different.

“When I stood before you this time last year to deliver my State of the Town Address never could’ve imagined what was about to unfold a little month later,” Smith said during his 2021 address at the Town Deliberative Session.

For communities small and large one of the biggest challenges local governments faced during the beginning of the pandemic was changing the way they

do things as well come up with innovative ways to communicate with all populations in the community.

“When the Covid-19 pandemic engulfed the globe and brought the world to a stand-still, we immediately began making contingency plans for the continuity of Town operations on an unprecedented level,” Smith said.

Eleven months later Smith still recalls what it was like when he first met with members of the city leadership going over how they would tackle the many issues revolving around the pandemic.

“I can recall vividly sitting in Chief O’Brien’s

office on a Saturday afternoon in March along with Chairman Farrell and Assistant Manager, Lisa Drabik, going over every facet not only how our daily operations were going to change, but how we were going to communicate all Covid-related information to the residents in Town in a timely and efficient manner,” Smith said.

Smith explained that the reality of the situation is that there is no playbook on how to deal with a pandemic.

“As Chief O’Brien, who also serves as the Town’s Emergency Management Director, will tell you, while the Town

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Planning Board Asked for Input on Auto Business Site Issues

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board will await additional information on questions raised to allow a retail license for a small automobile business in a C2 Zone.

The property owners, Leon and Tamara Lampes, are seeking commercial site approval for the family owned business they now operate at Six Dickey Street (Map 10 Lot 109). They sell wholesale vehicles by appointment only and intend to

continue as predominately an online business.

The couple bought the property in 2014 and have been allowed to operate with a wholesale license. They did a site review plan a few years ago and are now asking for a retail license to have some vehicles displayed on site.

However, the property has never had town approval for commercial use, Town Planner Colleen Mailloux pointed out at the Feb. 10 Planning Board meeting when the request was

reviewed.

The owners purchased the property when in a C2 Zone and was available for retail sales. It has been used since the 1950s as a business location.

The business is behind Derry Pizza and **continued on page 5**

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had spent many years and countless hours of training and policy writing preparing for all various kinds of emergencies, there simply was no playbook on how the Town would handle a global pandemic when it meant shutting down our facilities to the public, shutting down almost every business in Town, providing our first responders with enough PPE to ensure they could continue to do their jobs safely, and yet still figuring out a way to deliver Town services virtually on almost a moment's notice."

Despite the many struggles that community members and businesses faced in Londonderry and around the world, Smith was still able to point to highlights of success during the past year.

One of the biggest highlights of the year was in regards to the budget. Smith explained that they were prepared for anything but at the end of the day they did better than expected.

"We prepared for the worst and hoped for the best, expecting the bottom to drop out on revenues once the pandemic hit," Smith Said.

Smith said that the revenues were ultimately as good as could be expected with that was going on in the world.

"Not only did our worst fears never materialize, but in some respects, it was a banner year for the Town on the revenue side. The audited numbers for fiscal year 2020 show that we ended the year with a surplus of about \$1.3 million dollars, of which \$640,000 represents revenues that came in over estimates. These increased revenues were mostly realized in the way of stronger returns on our investments, reimbursement of Covid related expenses, and as it turns out, many people may have used their stimulus checks to buy new cars as revenue from car registrations surged."

The town was also able to keep their expenditures under control during the past year largely in part due to steps they took during the beginning of the pandemic.

"On the expenditure side of the ledger, because of tight controls we put on the budget at the start of the pandemic, essentially freezing all non-essential purchases, we ended the year \$680,000 below budgeted expenditures," Smith said.

Overall Smith explained that the budget this year was positive, however, they are going to continue to be cautious COVID-19 continues to be an issue.

"It should be noted however that a sizable amount of the surplus, roughly one-million dollars, was put aside in a restricted account to proactively plan for any kind of settlement agreement that may result from the ongoing negotiations with Granite Ridge Energy over their disputed valuation. Additionally, in an effort to plan for what we expect to be lower than anticipated revenues from the state in next year's budget, we've reduced the FY22 default budget by \$150,000 and have pledged to freeze an additional \$100,000 until the revenue picture becomes more clear this fall," Smith said. "This budget reduction combined with the spending freeze represents an increase of just 1.48% or \$525,700 over last year's approved budget, all of which represents the increase to NH Retirement. In fact, had there been no increase in our contribution to the state retirement, we would be \$3000 below the previous year's budget."

While what part of

the budget the town can control is doing well, according to Smith, he did bring up an issue that they can't completely control.

"Perhaps the single largest looming financial liability in town though is a matter that is somewhat our control right now – and that is the quality of our residents' well water and the Town's aquifers," Smith said.

Smith explained that about three years ago the town first learned about a contaminant chemical known as PFOA or PFOS. It was brought to their attention when the Department of Environmental Services sued the Saint Gobain Plant in Merrimack for emitting PFOA's into the air which eventually settled into the ground, contaminating groundwater supplies in Merrimack, Litchfield, Bedford, and Londonderry.

"At the time, DES considered a well to be contaminated if it tested at or above 70ppt for PFOA's. Because very few wells in Londonderry tested at those levels at the time, it seemed as though Londonderry had weathered this storm rather unscathed. That was until DES revised their limits on what they considered to be a contaminated well to 12ppt. Upon doing so, the Saint Gobain Groundwater Management Zone was immedi-

ately extended to include a large portion of Londonderry, mostly the geographic area west of High Range Rd," Smith said.

Smith explained that the state also began testing wells inside and outside of the GMZ and residents also did on their own.

"In doing so, it was discovered that the PFOA/PFOS well contamination in Town extends far beyond the borders of the GMZ, though the source of the contamination is not exactly known in all cases, especially since many of these wells have just been recently tested and there still is not enough data," Smith said.

To help deal with the problem, Smith explained that they have been in close contact with NHDES to come up with a short and long term plan.

"In response to this growing problem, Town Council and Town Staff have been in close contact with NHDES for about a year with the goal of putting together both short and long term mitigation plans. The Londonderry Town Council recently passed a resolution forming a Town-wide Task Force to thoroughly investigate the matter further and present the Council with recommendations on how best to proceed, while NHDES has pledged their complete

support to the Town, calling us their "number one priority" in the State. On a more micro scale, the Town was made aware in 2019 of a PFAS contamination issue that appears to have originated from the Apple Tree Plaza whereby PFAS contaminates most likely leached into the groundwater and contaminated the wells of residents living on Lancaster Drive behind the mall."

Despite all of this Smith says that he can see the light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to this issue.

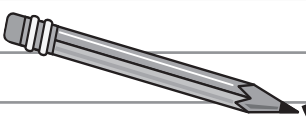
"After months of discussions and negotiations on how best to mitigate the issue and provide the residents of that area with clean drinking water, a cost sharing agreement was worked out whereby if the voters approve Article 13 at the ballot box this March, the Town and the Owner of the mall would each pay roughly 50% of the costs associated with bringing a municipal water line to the neighborhood, while the residents with the contaminated wells would also be paying a portion of the costs to hook into the public water line. This article is unanimously supported by both the Town Council and the Budget Committee, and it is my strong recommendation that the voters give it their utmost consideration."

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Like virtually every community across the state and the country Londonderry had to resort to using Zoom in order to conduct the

town's business through council and other governing body meetings. Smith noted that there were plenty of learning curves including mentioning the first council meeting where they dealt with intruders who jumped onto the meet-

ing distributing it, and ultimately causing them to end the meeting early.

"You see I would be remiss if I did not remind us all of our very first Town Council meeting over zoom which, shall we say, was colorful enough that it landed us on WMUR as well as on the front page of the Union Leader as the poster child for zoom bombing; who will ever forget the looks of horror on the faces of Kirby and Steve Cotton! But frankly the laugh it provided was a welcome one at that time," Smith said.

If the pandemic wasn't enough for communities to tackle, Smith also pointed out that Londonderry conducted four different elections last year starting with the First In The Nation New Hampshire Primary and ending with the Presidential Election. He said that they were able to pull it off flawlessly thanks to all of the Supervisors of the Checklist, the clerks at Town Hall, and a cadre of ballot clerks and volunteers.

"The challenges were many: processing by far the most ever requested mail-in absentee ballots for the primary and general elections, ensuring

the protection of the staff working the elections, as well as the safety of everyone voting, all the while moving them in and out of the gymnasium in the most efficient manner possible. This was no easy feat, but with the help of our ALERT Team, along with members of LPD and LFD, it ran like a well-oiled machine, and in the end, Londonderry processed and counted the votes of over 17,000 voters in the November Presidential election, the most ever recorded; and unlike some states, even with a machine malfunction that caused us to have to recount every ballot very early that morning, we were still able to report those results before the sun rose the next day!"

In keeping with his tradition Smith concluded by talking about something that he thought was extraordinary.

"I always like to conclude with something that caught my attention during the past year that I think really exemplifies the spirit and character of our community; something that I think sets us apart from other towns around the state or even the country."

Smith explained that

after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, there were protests and rallies all around the country, including in Londonderry centered around the theme Black Lives Matter. While Londonderry wouldn't be an obvious choice to have one of the rallies or protests, they came during the summer and were peaceful.

"Now, despite the demographics of Londonderry not being what most would consider as necessarily diverse, the fact that a peaceful BLM rally was held in our community isn't in and of itself what I think is extraordinary. Rather, what was notable to me was that the first person the event organizers reached out to, was in fact, our own Police Chief, Bill Hart. And perhaps even more remarkable than that, is after speaking with him initially, those in charge of the event asked if he would be the keynote speaker for the event," Smith said. "I just can't imagine this happened in too many communi-

ties across America at the height of these protests. But here in Londonderry, it did. And to me, that is a testament to the extraordinary relationship that the men and women serving in our police department, under the direction and leadership of Chief Hart, have built with the community over many years."

Smith said that he is proud to continue to serve the community as the town administrator and is proud of what they have been able to accomplish over the last year.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, the phrase 'Londonderry Leads', as coined by Captain Cheetham, is more than a hashtag on twitter or a catchy slogan, it is a way of life every time we don the uniforms of a police officer or firefighter, or plow the roads, or serve the residents at Town Hall, the senior center, or the cable studio," he said. "It's in everything we do as employees and public servants, and everything we strive for as a community."

OBITUARY

John T. McCarthy



John T. McCarthy, 74, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021 in the Derry Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Derry, NH. He was born in Hanover, NH on Jan. 12, 1947, a son of the late Eugene McCarthy and Margaret (Agan) McCarthy. He had been a resident of Londonderry since 1976, formerly living in White River Junction, VT. John was a proud veteran; he served his country as a jet engine mechanic in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He had been employed as a director of maintenance for Susse Chalet hotels for over 40 years before retiring in 2018. John was a life member and founder of the American Legion Post #27 in Londonderry where he had served as Post Commander for many years and later, as Chaplain. He was also a life member of the Sons of the American Legion and the VFW, and a member of the Sons of Ancient Hibernians. He led and participated in countless projects to help local veterans in need. John enjoyed watching New England sports, and was an active supporter of the Post #27 Legion ball team.

He is survived by three daughters, Jennifer Lewis of Penacook, NH, Mary McCarthy of Plaistow, NH, and Kathryn Hulvey and her husband Andrew of Dumfries, VA; eight grandchildren; his brother, James McCarthy of East Haven, VT, and seven nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Donna (McCartney) McCarthy in 2018, and his brother Dennis McCarthy in 2010.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family was held on Saturday, Feb. 13 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Following cremation, he will be placed in the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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Editorial

Remembering the Importance of Presidents' Day

In 1855, Presidents' Day started as a Federal holiday to respectfully remember (General) George Washington our first President of the Republic of the United States of America and all that he personally sacrificed, suffered, and persevered through to help establish our nation. The meaning of this day has changed more than a few times with the most recent change being the least acknowledging and the most self-gratifying. I am hoping this short review will bring us back to the significance of remembering with great appreciation what the sacrifice of service of our past presidents has brought to our lives today.

Initially, most states recognized and celebrated George Washington's birthday as Feb. 22 (1732) on the Gregorian calendar. (The issue about the Gregorian calendar versus the Julian calendar, which was used at the time of Washington's birth, is a story for another time.) Then after President Lincoln death in 1865, Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12 (1809), was celebrated. With the course of time some other presidents did notable actions that the people of that time appreciated, #26 -1901-1909 -Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, #32 -1938-1945 - Franklin D. Roosevelt and #34 - 1953-1962 - (General) Dwight D. Eisenhower to name just a few. These presidents' birthdays were in various months. Consequently, in 1952 to avoid the cost of individual Federal holidays for each favored president, George Washington's birthday was chosen to acknowledge all presidents. In most military, civilian, and home celebra-

tions, Washington and Lincoln continued as the highest honored: one for his foundational leadership and the other for his sustaining the nation as "indivisible" through a costly civil war fight over emancipation from slavery. In 1968, the government aligned President's Day with other Federal Monday-holidays. Thus, Presidents' Day is the 3rd Monday of February. Since 1971 when the last change went into effect regarding Federal holidays, Presidents' Day became the predominate name used for the holiday in part because retailers began to use this title to promote sales. Changing the holiday or holidays from the actual birth dates of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and changing the holiday to Monday has allowed most of us to replace spending some time in reverent remembrance with spending our holiday time sale shopping, catching up on sleep, etc.

At Nutfield Publishing, our hope is that you will benefit from this tidbit of history. We hope it encourages you to mind, discuss, and express with one another how you have benefited from the sacrifice of service of these great presidents and other presidents whom you have known in your lifetime. Past President's biographies and speeches can be searched on the Internet. Family trips can be planned to visit Presidential Libraries and historical sites that are connected with the feats of our past presidents. Someone once said, "If we forget our past, we forget our future." Have a Happy Presidents' Day!



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Letters

Property Tax Concerns

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Deb Paul for her deep concern and commitment to the residents of Londonderry.

I am also concerned that there may be families in town that could not pay their (hefty) 2020 property tax bills because they were ill or out of work due to Covid.

What, if any, property tax relief is available to them from the Town? Will they be given extra time to pay without incurring interest? Is there a tax 'forgiveness' program in cases of extreme need?

I feel strongly that now is the time for us to show compassion to our neighbors and offer them financial assistance by way of deferred or forgiven property taxes.

Hopefully there are not very many families in this situation, and they will be able to get back on their feet in 2021. Will the Town Council or the Town Manager please reply to this request?

Thank you
Caroline Schulze
Londonderry

Vote For Sara Madden Loughlin

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Sara Madden Loughlin, a candidate for the Londonderry School District School Board.

My wife and I moved to southern NH in 2001; following our grown children across the border

from Massachusetts. We moved to Londonderry in 2004 primarily because of its scenic beauty, well-run local government, school district and close proximity to many cultural and social attractions.

My former career was in public safety and spanned 43-years, more than half of which was in supervisory and leadership roles. The many hats I wore during my career provided me the opportunity to interact with municipal and school leaders, public safety leaders, legislative leaders, state executive branch leaders and more. The point is, I met and interacted with many individuals in leadership positions at nearly every level of government and the private sector.

Over the years I found that individual leaders fell along a continuum ranging from ineffective to exceptional. My education, training and experiences provided me the opportunity to identify the positive and negative characteristics and traits of those leaders I interacted with, which allowed me to identify where on that continuum they would fall. This was and is important because it taught me what characteristics and traits to emulate and what to avoid.

Many of us recognize the more common competencies and traits of a good leader, for example: accountability; interpersonal and communication skills; ability to delegate and develop subordinates; team building; problem identification

and solving; and decision-making skills based on ethical, justice and legal principles.

Sara Madden-Loughlin has demonstrated the aforementioned competencies and traits during her 16-year career in public education as she progressively moved from a teaching position to school administrator.

Other competencies she has developed and practiced are: working with diverse students and parents; equity, which mitigates the exclusion of students for a variety of reasons and; ensuring inclusion by cultivating a culture of access, belonging and welcome, which are so critical for today's leaders and those they serve.

There are two other leadership competencies that I wish to add, which are courage and doing the right thing.

On June 21, 2018, while signing my granddaughter up for soccer at the West fields I collapsed from a sudden heart attack and was unconscious, not breathing and with no pulse. Sara, without hesitation administered life-saving CPR to a complete stranger for over ten minutes until a Londonderry police officer and eventually Londonderry fire and EMS took over. Without Sara's courageous intervention, I would not be here today writing this heartfelt letter supporting her candidacy.

I will close with a quote from John Fitzgerald Kennedy, "Children are the world's most valuable resource and

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Planning

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is in a mostly residential area though other businesses are nearby.

The Lampeses are seeking reconsideration of the required variances in order to have a retail license. The existing property status is in a nonconforming condition.

The only approval now is for a single family residential property. It doesn't meet the mini-

mum lot size dimensions at present.

If the use was changed to retail automotive sales, separate zoning variances would be needed in terms of building setbacks and a residential buffer.

The sections for requested waivers now pertain to storm drainage system requirements for managing storm water, for street and driveway access, vehicle circulation and parking, landscaping design plans and buffer-

ing, building design, and lighting.

Assistant Director of Public Works John Trotter said planning staff don't support granting all of these waivers because of the precedent it would set.

Some planning board members said they would be willing to look at steps the Lampeses could take to resolve issues at hand and want to see more concretely what engineering and design plans they might propose.

Because of the undersized lot, Jake Butler asked if the owners could upgrade the parking, get more adequate lighting, landscape, and limit the number of cars coming on the property.

The failure to meet drainage regulations is one that would have to be addressed regarding storm water runoff, Trotter told the board.

Town Council liaison, Deb Paul, noted that drainage poses a real issue because cars leak fluids which may be going into ground water and the current driveway is gravel. The drive would also need to be redesigned as it goes onto the abutting property.

The intent of a site

plan is to meet safe driveway access to the site, have outdoor storage areas clearly identified, and ensure safe parking and an access way for customers.

When asked to describe the difference between wholesale and retail, Mailloux said a wholesale auto dealership has no vehicles on site. It is treated as a home occupation in a residential district.

Once there is a retail license, she added, vehicles can be displayed on the premises, with designated vehicle storage and customer parking.

Their interest is in licensing, not space, Tamara Lampes told the board. She added that

they are quite willing to make necessary changes to accommodate town regulations and their neighbor concerns.

With the concern about outdoor vehicle storage, the driveway could be redesigned to have safe site distance, to be on the lot, and paved along with the parking area.

She said the idea is for the business to stay mostly on the Internet with retail customers continuing to come only by appointment to see cars on the lot, limiting the number to 10-15 vehicles, and restricting hours to daytime.

The discussion was left to continue at a future date.

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its best hope for the future". There is no better person to entrust our children's' future to than Sara Madden-Loughlin.

Please take the time to vote for Sara on March 9, 2021.

Yours truly,
Ed Nolan
Londonderry

coronavirus. On November 18, 2019 the Wuhan Institute of Virology posted job openings for postgraduate students to study the coronavirus in bats and humans. In particular, the openings emphasized the experiments would involve letting the coronavirus lie dormant in some people for a long time without symptoms. It is noteworthy China has a history of students working in laboratories becoming

infected.

Subsequently, one researcher was bitten by a bat and another worker was secreted on by a bat. The woman director of the laboratory got the COVID 19 virus and died, and this was covered up by the Chinese authorities. These laboratory workers then infected people in the surrounding population of Wuhan China and the virus took off from there.

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China Labs Unleashed The Pandemic

To the editor,
Communist China exported the COVID 19 virus to the United States and the rest of the world, and it is primarily responsible for the millions of deaths, virus ailments, and economic hardship in the world.

A study by the National Natural Science Foundation of China, which was subsequently removed from the internet by the Chinese government, stated researchers in two laboratories in Wuhan China had been gathering bats infected with the coronavirus since 2012, and they were experimenting with bats that could spread the virus to human beings. In 2015 the Wuhan institute of Virology conducted further experiments on bats capable of infecting human beings with the

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How the MacGregor Sisters Fought the System...and LOST

SANDY DAHLFRED
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Folks traveling on Route 102 in Londonderry on Feb. 12, 1964, were probably surprised to see an enormous sign on the roof of a house that read, "So This is America!" If they'd had the opportunity to slow down a bit, they might also have observed that the sign went on to read, "Chapter One." What was this all about?

The story had begun five years earlier in 1959 when the State of New Hampshire was making plans to bring Route 93 into and through the area. Several houses stood in the way of the project and these structures had to be removed. As is customary, the State offered the owners market value for their homes. Owners had a choice of selling their house outright, or accepting a lesser sum to keep the house and move it to another location.

One of the affected homes belonged to the MacGregor sisters, Mari-

on and Gladys. Up until that time, Londonderry was quite rural. In fact, the MacGregors, whose lineage goes back to the town's original settlers, owned cows. Yes – cows on Route 102, now the busiest and most traffic-snarled part of town.

I doubt that any of the affected families were pleased about this disruption to their lives. The MacGregors, however, apparently decided to make it their life's mission to fight the authorities every step of the way. Before the construction of the highway even began, the sisters had 1) refused to let an appraiser inside their home, 2) complained about legal newspaper notices that mentioned their names, 3) demanded that the state purchase another lot for them, and 4) threatened to burn the place down so that, by gosh, NO ONE could have it!

Of course, the result of all this bickering was simply a delay in the process. Eventually, in 1962, after some hem-

ming and hawing and mind-changing, the sisters accepted \$27, 900 from the State, kept their house, and arranged to have it moved to a lot about a mile west, in the area between Route 102 and Buttrick Road. Problem solved, crisis averted, end of story? Nope, it was just beginning...

It seems that before the MacGregors purchased their new lot, an engineer from the State warned them that they would not have access to Route 102 from said parcel. This set off another round of complaints and delays but in June of 1962, the sisters were ready to hire a contractor to move their house to its new location. The contractor received permission to remove the "controlled access fence" on Route 102 so that he could place the house onto its newly-poured foundation, promising to reinstall the fence when he was finished. However, the next day it was discovered that not only

did the fence remain down, but that a paved driveway had been installed from the two-car garage to Route 102!! Gladys MacGregor parked her car on this driveway and dared the State Police to come and arrest her. Clearly, the feud was not over.

By August of 1963, the fence had been removed by the sisters and re-installed by the State no fewer than 11 times. A longer, more substantial chain link fence was erected, but within a few days it, too, had been cut open. Believing that the law was on their side, the sisters hired a lawyer and sued the State's Commissioner of Public Works and Highways, but they lost this battle in court. Various local officials attempted to intervene for the sisters, but to no avail. Not long after, the signs began appearing.

Fast forward to 1978, and the conflict was still raging! Marion MacGregor had passed away in 1970, leaving only Gladys to carry on with the

campaign, which she did with determination. Fence cutting, sign posting, and letter writing continued, but the State finally washed its hands of the affair, affirming that all avenues had been exhausted. In 1985 – you read that right – a local reporter argued that the feud needed to end – Ms MacGregor must get access to her landlocked house!

Gladys passed away in 1993, without the issue having ever been resolved. Her executor purchased a sliver of land from an abutter, allowing a driveway to be built to Buttrick Rd. Problem solved! He then sold the property for the estate.

The area in question is now totally commercial. The MacGregor home no longer exists. Access to the businesses there is still not allowed from Route 102; customers must make their way to Buttrick Rd., in order to enter the premises. It seems that the MacGregor sisters generated much ado about nothing.

To learn more about local history, visit our website at www.londonderryhistory.org, our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety, or attend a meeting. Check the website for dates, times, and locations.

OBITUARY

Margaret Elsie Delaney

Margaret Elsie Delaney, 82, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021. She was born in Harvey, IL on Dec. 28, 1938, to Edwin and Elsie (Weitendorf) McGowan. Margaret (Maggie) lived most of her life in the Midwest, residing in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. She moved to New Hampshire in 2016 to be closer to family.

She is survived by son, Gregory Delaney and wife Mikel of Sandown, NH; and daughter, Dhana Abbey of Vero Beach, FL.

Margaret will be laid to rest at Saint Felix Cemetery, in Wabasha, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Conservation

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sequently, the applicant wants to slide the common lot line between 126 and 127 by 7.5 feet, Lopez told the commission.

The result would be a 32-foot buildable area on 127 and reducing that area on 126 from 40 to 32.5 feet. Both lots would still maintain

their driveway access off Clover Lane.

The wetlands in the rear of the property currently have conservation signs.

The other application presented to the commission for the Woodmont Commons Medical Office Subdivision (Map 10 Lot 41) is

looking at changing a previously approved residential area with a medical office building. This initial phase of the project would subdivide a 2.3-acre parcel of land for the medical office user.

The applicant is Chris Nickerson and the owner is Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC.

The subdivision was fully developed in the first phase of the previously approved site plan, noted Jeff Kevan, senior project manager with the design firm, TF Moran.

Proposed is a 2 story medical building of just under 20,000 square

feet. It would have 143 parking spaces with additional parking next to the retail buildings on Main Street.

All the utilities are on the adjacent street, Kevan said.

Drainage is collected in the proposed pipe system and discharge goes into the ponds on the other side of Michel's Way. This change in direction of the development would still have similar drainage patterns, he added.

The 2 stories of the medical building at 19,792 square feet would mean a total of 38,600 square feet for the struc-

ture.

Between the previous plan and this one, a slight decrease in impervious coverage occurs, Kevan pointed out. The residential subdivision plan before had brownstone style townhouses.

This development will be a complement to the senior housing at Woodmont Commons that will be coming in next summer, he said. The senior living community, to be known as The Baldwin, will have 190 independent living apartments for those age 62 and over with onsite healthcare services and include a fitness center.

In addition, the outlet from Duck Pond has a channel and goes down to an irrigation pond with the outlet structure to it considered a dam.

One change under consideration is removing the structure so it is no longer considered to be a dam, Kevan told the commission.

A related recommendation from member Michael Speltz, one he has previously made, was that the basins created next to Michel's Way be tested for nitrogen and phosphorus. He thinks the water has a number of nutrients based on the microbes and algae in the pond.

OBITUARY

Robert T. Uttley



Robert T. Uttley, 81, of Londonderry, NH passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Prescott House from complications of diabetes. He grew up in Methuen, MA and Salem, NH and Bob graduated from Woodbury High School, Class of 1957. He worked as a quality assurance engineer for Raytheon for 37 years. Bob was a member of Spickett Masonic Lodge #85 in Salem, a member of the 32nd degree Scottish Rite Bodies, a member of the Shriners and a member of the Canobie Lake Rod and Gun Club. He was on the Salem ZBA for 9 years. Bob enjoyed boating, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed his fishing trips to Alaska for several years. Bob built log homes. Bob will be sadly missed by his beloved wife of 37 years and caretaker, Jeanne (Lebrun) Uttley of Londonderry, NH; his cousins, Marilyn Churchill and Judy Sherman, both of MA and his brother-in-law Robert LeBrun and his wife Lauren of FL.

Visitation will be on Friday, Feb. 19 from 4 - 5:30 p.m., at Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, NH followed by a Masonic Service at 5:30 p.m. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com

Letters

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Communist China might not have foreseen the possibility of the COVID 19 virus escaping from the Wuhan laboratories and infecting the world. However, China with its strictly controlled closed society had to know it could lockdown the country and bring the virus under control, but the open societies of most other countries, including the United States, are

not conducive to locking down, and are prone to spreading the virus. Furthermore, China experimented with a virus capable of mass infection and being asymptomatic in people, which weaponized the virus.

Communist China owes the world pandemic reparations payments

in the many tens of billions of dollars. It, along with other countries, must conduct in-depth reviews of the safety and security procedures in virus laboratories, and implement any necessary changes to ensure viruses cannot escape from laboratories. China, in particular, must stop

experimenting with viruses, because it poses an ongoing health and security threat to the world. It should be sanctioned for developing and accidentally unleashing a biological weapon of mass infection into the world.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

COVID Kills Lancers Gymnasts Chances at State Championship

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Despite winning each of the winter meets that the Londonderry High School Gymnastics team competed in this year, a COVID-19 outbreak ran through the squad last week and left only two starters competing at the NHIAA State Championship on Sunday afternoon in Salem.

Senior standouts Sophie Hagymas and Ashley Griffin were the only two starters left on the Lancers team at the state meet, and despite that, they had very respectable performances, left the Londonderry squad coming away with an eighth-place finish.

Pelham High School was the first place winner with 132.75 points, Pinkerton Academy took second with 131.25 and Salem High School was third with 130.975. Londonderry had a total of

118.55 points.

In the vault Londonderry had strong performances from Lola Roarty, Sophie Hagymas, Ashley Griffin and Nikki Stone.

On the Bar the Lancers had hit routines from Quinn Brown, Lola Roarty, Amanda Robinson, Nikki Stone and Sophie Hagymas.

On the beam, Amanda Robinson, Nikki Stone and Ashley Griffin all performed well.

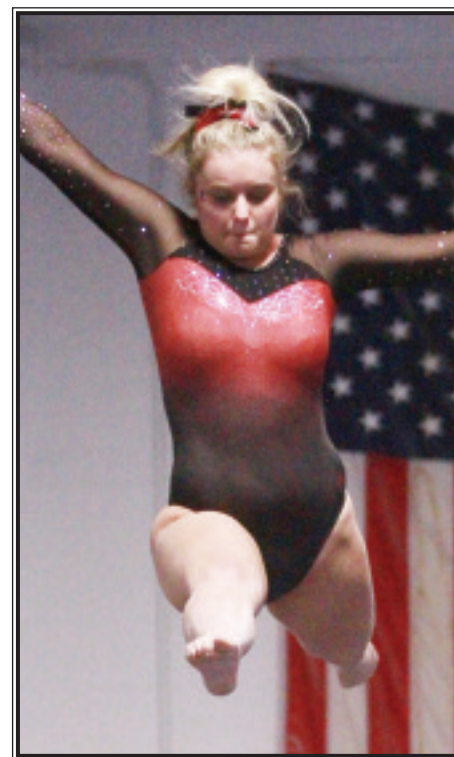
The floor had Laura Bowen competing for the first time this year and Jess Bolduc and Sophie Hagymas pulled out tumbling they hadn't done all season. Ashley Griffin finished the floor exercise out with a strong performance.

After the meet, head coach Heather Lennon commented, "This was definitely not the state meet we had envisioned at the beginning of season. All the girls gave

the coaches 110 percent the whole season, and at the last minute six of our starters (Ella Houghton, Makenna Lord, Marlie Fitzgerald, Peyton Beirne, Ava Ruppel and Lilly Haggett) were out due to COVID. This left only four starters and the rest of the team to fill the gaps in line up which the girls did without hesitation."

Lennon added, "Scoring a 118.55 was just shy of four point less than what we scored in our first meet of the season which was a 122.5, and is nothing to be upset about. These gymnasts pulled out skills and routines they hadn't done all season and it worked."

She added, "I'm so happy the seniors Ashley Griffin and Sophie Hagymas had their last state meet and between the both of them they killed it!"



Senior Gymnasts Sophie Magymas and Ashley Griffin finished out the COVID-19 shortened season by competing at the state championship in Salem on Sunday afternoon, Feb 14. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lancer Hockey Squad Splits with PA Wins Big with BB

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Boys Hockey team got their first and second wins of the season last week starting with a 4-2 win against their rivals from Derry, the Pinkerton Academy Astros. The other was a commanding 10-0 win against Bishop Brady.

The first game, on Wednesday, Feb. 10, had the Lancers winning 4-2 in a close game that was eventually decided in the third period when LHS scored on two power plays.

The first period was fairly even, with Londonderry's Michael Maloney scoring first at 8:41. Pinkerton came back to tie things up about a minute later with a goal by Lorenzo Corsetto, assisted by from Nick Plaza.

The only goal scored in the second period was by Lancer Matt Boyon, giving LHS a 2-1 lead.

The third period had PA's Jake Sullivan scor-



Zach Rheault

ing his first varsity goal on an assist from Doug Barnwell at 8:13 to tie the game.

Londonderry had a go-ahead goal by Drew Cameron on a power play at 5:44 and Lancer Sam Neville tacked on an insurance point on another power play at 2:55.

In the second meeting between the LHS and PA teams, the next day, on Thursday, Feb. 11, Pinkerton got its first win of the COVID-19 shortened season with a 5-2 victory.

This time, Pinkerton had the first goal of the game, with Lorenzo Corsetto scoring from Hunter Drouin at the 4:05 mark. Londonderry quickly tied it up before the period ended with a goal by Sam Neville from Michael Maloney.

The second period saw Londonderry take the 2-1 lead with an unassisted goal by Noah Malcolm.

Pinkerton finished that period with two goals of their own, one by Hunter Drouin from Ethan Burgess and another by Jake Master-son from Jon Caprigno to give PA a one-goal lead headed into the final period.

In that period, Pinkerton added two more goals to their tally.

Aidan Price scored with Ryan Leighton assisting and Hunter Drouin scored on an empty net from Ryan Leighton to finish things up.

Wrapping the week up, Londonderry got their second win of the

season against Bishop Brady on Saturday, Feb. 13, with a 10-0 victory.

In the ten-point win, Sam Neville had a hat trick while Zach Rheault scored two goals.

Brandon Savage, Connor Mcinnis, Jack Beirne, Ben Padykula and Matt Boyon also all had goals.

Assists went to Drew Cameron; Matt Palmer; Michael Maloney (with two each); Ben Padykula; Jack Patti; Kyle McPhail; Noah Malcolm; Drew Cameron; Ben Padykula; and Brandon Savage.

The team will play a pair of games against Trinity High School this week. The first on Wednesday, Feb. 17, on the road and the second will be at home on Saturday, Feb. 20.



LHS defenseman Matt Palmer stops a PA player from crossing the blue line. Photos by Chris Paul.

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LHS Wrestlers Get First Season Win Against Memorial

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Wrestling team resumed its season last week with a home Dual Meet against Manchester Memorial. That meet resulted in the team's first victory

of the season and had a number of team members contributing.

The meet was also the first match held at the school by the team and gave them the opportunity to honor their senior wrestlers and manager.

Although there were a number of forfeits due to empty weight classes, the Lancers managed a convincing 46-24 over Manchester Memorial.

There were double forfeits in both the 106 and 113 pound weights and Lancers Michael

Palma and Kaden Stone had forfeits in 120 and 126 for six-point wins.

Londonderry's Nicolas D'Alessandro pinned Memorials Mikah Reinhold for six points at 132 lbs.

Kyle Saye was awarded six points at 138 lbs. for a forfeit, and Lancer Aiden O'Loughlin won his match at 145 lbs in a 9-0 decision over August Connors.

Dylan Barnes got a forfeit win at 160 lbs.

Lancer Johnny McK-

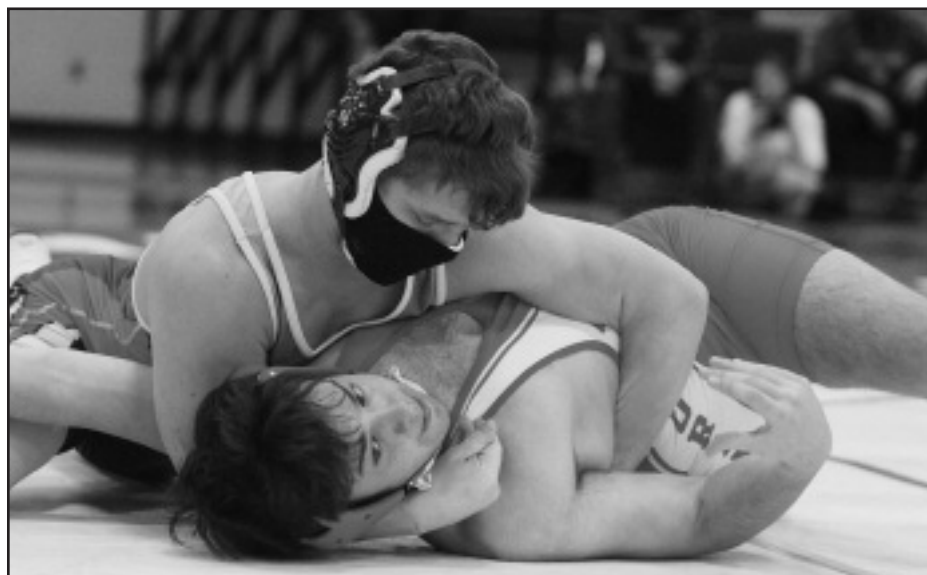
innon had a fall-win over Matthew Wilson at 182 lbs. and Josh Bean added the last six points to the Londonderry victory with his pin over Nizar Abbari at 195 lbs.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the news wasn't quite as good, as the Lancer squad suffered an extremely tight contest against Nashua North High School.

In that Dual Meet, held in Nashua, the Titans were able to edge out the Lancers by a

score of 37-36.

Londonderry victories were achieved by: Nicolas D'Alessandro over Jesse Rutstein at 120 lbs.; Kaden Stone (126 lbs) over Jonathan Torres; Aiden O'Loughlin (145 lbs) fall over Mitchel Martin; Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) pinned Trenten Gerlowski; Johnny McKinnon (182 lbs) fall over Zaeden Crocker (NANO); and Josh Bean (195) over Spencer Whiting in a Fall.



Lancer wrestler Johnny McKinnon had two pins this week to contribute to the teams scoring at home on Thursday and Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer Boys Hoop Team Falls Short Against Astros Squad

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Boys Basketball team continued to head in the wrong direction last week as they lost two fairly close contests against the Pinkerton Academy squad.

The Astros were coming off a two-week pause due to the school's COVID-19 concerns and had won two games to start the season.

The first game between the two rivals ended with a close 48-45 PA win and took place on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Derry.

In that game, the LHS squad was still missing its top point-getter, Jackson Cox, but was still able to stay in the game until the end.

The two teams came out strong and left the court after the first quarter tied at 13-points each.

In the second, PA started to pull away, by outscoring LHS 18-12, giving the Astros a 31-25 lead to finish the half.

The third quarter had both teams under-achieving in offense, with LHS scoring four to PA's seven.

The fourth had the Lancer squad hitting four three-pointers and outscoring the Astros 16-10, but it wasn't enough to close the nine-point deficit.

The Londonderry boys had a number of players contributing offensively in the game. Freshman Tyler Brown led the team with nine points, while senior Brian Gould and sophomore Kevin Rourke each had seven. Junior Justin Hoggard had five and Tyler Miles Mike Rosatano and Zach Fawcett each had four points.

In the second meeting of the two teams, in

Londonderry on Friday night, Feb. 12, the Astros continued their four-game winning streak with a 53-46 win.

Despite LHS getting off to an early 14-9 lead in the first quarter, and PA trailing 23-21 headed out of the half, PA tied things up at 37 in the third, and open the game up in the fourth for the victory.

Once again, scoring was pretty well spread out among the LHS players.

Brown and Rourke each had nine points, while Zack Furlong had seven and Rosatano had six.

Gould added five points while Fawcett and Hoggard contributed four points each.

The Lancers hope to get a couple wins this week when the face Alvirne High School on Tuesday and Friday night.

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Lady Lancers Drop Two to Pinkerton Academy Squad

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Basketball squad suffered two tough losses last week against their rivals from Pinkerton Academy and fell to 3-6 with only two weeks left to play in the season.

The Lady Astros were coming off a two-week season pause, after the school had cancelled all sports due to COVID-19 concerns, but despite

the lack of team play, PA edged out the Lady Lancers 40-37 in the first game and 41-23 in the second.

In the first game, taking place on Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Londonderry, was rescheduled due to snow the prior night, the LHS team got off to a very slow start, only scoring three-points to PA's 10, and that proved to be to large a deficit to overcome later in the game.

By the end of the half, LHS had a 22-17 lead, but scoring only 15-points in the second half to PA's 23 proved to be too much to overcome and gave the Astros the win.

The leading scorers of the Lancers were: junior, Olivia Chau with 10-points; sophomore Jordan Furlong had eight and sophomore Shannon Ball managed five.

Head coach Nick Theos stayed positive

despite the loss, "We came out slow again and spotted Pinkerton a lead 10-3. We let their press get to us at first, but we settled down in the second quarter and a pair of sophomores Jordan and Shannon with a junior Olivia Chau carried us offensively. Those three girls scored 16 of our 19 points in that quarter."

Theos added, "We had an opportunity to tie it at the end but Ashley Rourke's three-pointer

fell just short. The girls played hard and we made strides tonight we just need to clean up a few things."

The second meeting between the two teams Londonderry never managed to penetrate the PA defense with any consistency, and fell short of double-digits scoring in any of the periods.

Lady Lancer senior Ashley Rourke had 12-points to lead the Lancers in scoring with Chau getting four and Kylee McGurn getting three.

Theos said about the loss, "Defensively we were not sharp tonight, and we gave up too many

lay ups. Ashly Schmitt took two charges, but it wasn't enough as Pinkerton out worked and outscored us for most of the second half."

He added, "We missed too many opportunities early and then things snowballed on us tonight. We need to get back to out working teams on the defensive end of the floor and having that spur on the offense."

The team will try to right the ship this week with a pair of games against Alvirne (4-4). They are scheduled to play in Hudson on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and then a game at home on Friday night, Feb. 19.

Lancer Skiers Compete at State Championships

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School girls' and boys' ski teams both completed their 2021 seasons by competing in the Division I state championships on Gunstock Mountain in Gilford last week.

Coach Steve Tufts saw his Lady Lancers place ninth out of some 18 teams at that ski area last Wednesday, Feb. 10, and the next day the Lancer boys ended up 12th out of the 18 competing contingents.

In the girls' events, the Lady Lancers tallied 258 points in Giant Slalom and 264 in the Slalom for a 522 total and finished in ninth.

Bedford High School became the state champions with 711 points.

For the Boys, the following day, the Lancers scored 241 points in

Giant Slalom and 272 in the Slalom for a 513 total and took 12th place.

The Bedford Bulldogs also won that state championship with 691 points.

Individually, in the Giant Slalom, the Londonderry girls ranked tenth, with Juliette Louiselle finishing first for her team with a 1:23.68.

Julia Deschamps was next with a 1:26.98. Laurel Guthrie had a 1:28.20 for the third Londonderry spot.

Rylee McGrath's two run total was 1:31.34 and Alex Tufts finished with a 1:37.80 total.

For the boys in the Giant Slalom, Ryan Keenan was again the top LHS finisher with 1:13.21.

William Louiselle had a 1:22.50. Evan Dugas finished with a 1:26.80. Tyler Kraics scored a 1:27.63 and Owen Gin-

grow had a 1:29.79.

In the Slalom event, the Londonderry girls ranked ninth with Julia Deschamps placing 26th overall and was the Lancer with the best two-run score of 1:13.83. Rylee McGrath posted a 1:20.46; Juliette Louiselle came in with a 1:20.52; Laurel Guthrie managed a 1:21.56; and Alex Tufts finished her day with a 1:23.76.

The Lancer males ranked eighth in Slalom event, and Ryan Keenan was once again the top Lancer, finishing 12th overall with a combined time of 1:01.85.

Owen Gingrow was the next Lancer to score at 1:10.88. William Louiselle finished with a 1:12.90 and Tyler Kraics had a 1:37.00.

Coach Tufts summed up the very different winter season this way, "Twenty-one Student Athletes participated in

the LHS Alpine Ski Program in 2021. However, the number of LHS skiers who could participate in each Division 1 race was limited to about 12 racers due to COVID restrictions. Coach McGrath and I were fortunate to schedule some exhibition races with two other teams. This provided the less experienced racers an opportunity to gain experience, and provided the more experienced racers an opportunity to work on their skills for our DI schedule. Only five boys and five girls could participate in the State Championship this year. However, with the continued support of the LHS Athletic Department, we will recognize all students who should have participated in the State Championship during a normal year".

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 8



Sophie Hagymas
Senior, Gymnastics

Sophie has been a senior captain and a leader all season, but last week she showed her leadership skills by stepping up for states. With six starters out due to COVID, Sophie competed all around and did routines and skills she hadn't done in two years. She got her best AA score at states of a 31.0 and placed 16th in the state.



Josh Bean
Senior, Wrestling

Bean is 4-0 on the season and has bumped up a weigh class to help the team out all year. He's also been a great leader in the wrestling room.

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Tax forms for the 2020 tax year are available for no-contact pickup at the Leach Library. Forms 1040 and 1040-SR as well as instruction booklets are available on a first come, first serve basis. The Reference Staff can also make photocopies by appointment and print other tax forms upon request. Please call the library at 432-1132 to schedule a pickup time during Drive-Thru Service hours: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Young Adult Craft Virtual Program

Starting on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page. Follow along with Miss Megan to create a fun origami book-mark craft! Please call the library at 432-1132 to reserve a time to pick up a craft sheet.

Story Time Virtual Program

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m., follow along as Miss Jennifer reads "Colby the Courageous Cat"! This story time features a book written by Londonderry author Janice Spina and illustrated by her husband John Spina.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Feb. 27, from 10 - 11:30 a.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. For questions contact: Kristin Grages, Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry, 603-432-1100, ext 198.

Free Parenting Workshops

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

LEEP Applications

Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is Now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year! Are you considering preschool for your child? If your child turned 3 by Sept. 1st and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. We are a developmentally appropriate preschool that is respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. Our teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School District. Programs for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and our program for our prekindergarten students meet from noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition rates are: Preschool: \$150 per month for a 2 day per week program and \$200 a month for

a 4 day per week program. Prekindergarten: \$180 per month for a 3 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Dee Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Dee Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Online Story & Craft

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

Teen Talk

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

Free Stress Management Workshop

An on demand workshop by the Upper Room. View at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. To learn more contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org.

Vaping and Your Health

A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Workshops are held on the first

Tuesday of the month and online options are also available. Call (603) 437-8477 x117 to register and get more information.

Covid-19 Relief Fund

To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

Legion Meals

Every Sunday Post 27 is serving food prepared by members during the 1 p.m., football game. Legionnaires eat for free and there is \$5 donation for everyone else. Please wear a mask when entering and moving around within the Post. The bartender will ask for your cell number as part of our contact tracing. Located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

TIPS Zoom

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

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.

Raising another's child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org g. 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.

St. Jude Food Pantry

St. Jude's Food Pantry is open to all Londonderry resident who maybe in need. Call Kay at 434-1827 to make an appointment to pickup your food from the pantry. "We are there for the people and want to help them."

Raising a Teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café

(PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04w->

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OBITUARY

Col. Bruce S. Packard



Col. Bruce S. Packard, 84, of Bedford, NH, entered into the arms of his heavenly savior, Jesus Christ on Monday Feb. 8, 2021 from the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH after a valiant battle with coronavirus complications. He was born in Lewiston, ME on Sept. 6, 1936, a son of the late Ernest and Hazel (Stevens) Packard. After his mother's death soon after his birth, he was raised by his father and stepmother Cora (Oldham) Packard in Lewiston, Maine. A West Point graduate, Bruce proudly served his country in the US Army for 25 years, retiring in 1983. Decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, among others. He later worked as a Defense Contract Administrator for Sanders/Lockheed Martin from 1983-1995.

Bruce loved classical music, was a voracious reader, and enjoyed watching his beloved sports teams and discussing politics. He was a long-time member of Bethany Covenant Church where he relished singing in the choir and participating in Bible studies.

He is survived by his beloved wife and soul-mate, Nancy (Bettencourt) Packard of Bedford; son, Craig Packard and his wife Karey of Londonderry, NH; two daughters, Debra Bartlett and her husband Rob of Londonderry, and Susan Humphrey and her husband Phil of Warwick, RI; ten grandchildren; one brother, Kenneth Oldham of Portage, MI; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Lawrence Packard and Edward Oldham, a sister, Beatrice Packard, as well as one grandson, Keenan Packard.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family was held on Friday Feb. 12, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Funeral services were held on Saturday in Bethany Covenant Church, 1 Covenant Way, Bedford (and will be streamed live for those who cannot attend in person at vimeo.com/event/681181 with cremation to follow. The burial with Military Honors will be at a later date in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

Around Town

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eb.zoom.us/j/302497889.
Contact: Seren Elizabeth at
selizabeth@urteachers.org

Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30
a.m., facilitated by The

Upper Room, weekly free
remote support programs
are available. To access:
Contact Beth O'Connell at
eoconnell@URteachers.org
or follow the Young Adults
Strong Facebook page.

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Par-

ent & caregiver workshops
on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7
p.m. Free live on Zoom, facili-
tated by The Upper Room.
Tune into this new series for
weekly workshops offering
families information, discus-
sion and support.

Presbyterian Church

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er Group and the Walk
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meeting together via
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eneto Rd., Derry is available on
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- 4 p.m. and by appointment
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Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café
Remote meetings are open
to those raising teens.
Thursdays from 6 - 7:30
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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Feb. 8

8:26 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Pleasant Drive.

12:47 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Welfare Check on Verdi Lane.

2:09 p.m. Keeping the peace at Tradz Llc on Mammoth Road.

4:02 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Jewel Court.

4:10 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Mohawk Drive.

9:02 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with the transportation to a hospital from Mohawk Drive.

Tuesday - Feb. 9

4:38 p.m. Dog Bite investigated by Animal Control on Anthony Drive.

6:54 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Independence Drive.

7:09 p.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Charleston

Avenue.

7:23 p.m. Follow-up on Buckthorn Street leads to an arrest made by six officers.

8:59 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Shasta Drive.

Wednesday - Feb. 10

7:59 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Streamline on Rockingham Road.

8:50 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Property Innovation on Harris Street.

3:53 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Litchfield Road.

Thursday - Feb. 11

2:17 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Winterwood Drive.

5:32 p.m. Missing Person investigated by four officers on Snowberry Hollow.

5:54 p.m. Services rendered for Complaint on Charleston Avenue.

Friday - Feb. 12

11:09 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:10 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

11:22 a.m. Services rendered for report of wires being down on Kelley Road.

12:44 p.m. Field Interrogation conducted during suspicious activity at Market Basket on Michels Way.

3:13 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Airport Rad at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:37 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Fieldstone Drive.

11:30 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from Wildwood Road.

Saturday - Feb. 13

7:16 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Depart-

ment with services on Ash Street.

3:19 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers at Pinkerton & Pillsbury Cemetery on Hovey Road

4:31 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Independence Drive.

7:41 p.m. Disturbance investigated at CVS Pharmacy on Mammoth Road.

8:18 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Main Street.

11:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest on Nashua Road at Mammoth Road. Steve Leblanc, 33, of Manchester charged with Willful Concealment, Theft; and Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

11:28 p.m. Peace restored during a Domestic Disturbance at Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Sunday - Feb. 14

2:07 a.m. Suspicious activity on Acropolis Avenue leads to three officers providing Protective Custody.

9:38 a.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Kenney Street. James

Lambert, 29, of Manchester charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault; Physical Contact).

2:24 p.m. Disturbance on Michels Way leads to an arrest made by four officers. Sean Jamieson, 41, of Manchester, Charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

4:43 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated

on Mohawk Drive.

5:19 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Bancroft Road.

5:33 p.m. Three officers assist the Manchester Police Department with services at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:56 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by two officers on Bayberry Lane.

OBITUARY

Nancy Sullivan



Nancy Sullivan, 86, of Londonderry, NH passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 after a long illness. She passed away in the comfort of her son's home in Florida surrounded by her children and surviving sister.

Nancy was born in Derry, NH, on Jan. 29, 1935, a daughter of William C. and Leona (Rowell) Gray. She was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Class of 1952. Following graduation, Nancy began her career at Fleet Bank where she worked for 33 years before retiring as Vice President/Branch Manager. She was very active in the Derry community. Nancy volunteered to be involved with many organizations and committees and was honored as Citizen of the Year for her commitments. She was an active member of the St. Peters Episcopal Church of Londonderry.

Beloved wife of the late Paul A. Sullivan, Nancy is survived by two daughters, Kathi Sullivan of Fort Myers, FL and Joanne Green and her husband Jim of Boswell, OK; four sons, Kevin Sullivan, Patrick Sullivan, and Tim Sullivan and his wife Michelle, all of Fort Myers, FL and Jeffrey Sullivan and his wife Jo Ellen of Londonderry; eight grandchildren, Bill and Dan Bisson and Tyler, Kylie, Kolby, Madison, Ethan, and Nathan Sullivan; two great grandchildren, Benjamin and Wyatt Sullivan, her sister Sally (Gray) Lovell, two brothers in-law, Tom Chase, and Jack Sullivan and his wife Rose, one sister-in-law, Cyndi Gray as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sisters, Mary (Gray) Aubin and Janice (Gray) Chase, and two brothers James Gray and Sam Gray.

Upon retirement, Nancy and Sully enjoyed traveling with friends throughout the US and abroad. They spent most of the winter months in Florida. They enjoyed being active in the lives of their grandkids, attending sporting events and school activities. Nancy also enjoyed staying in touch with her classmates from Pinkerton, always interested in the social aspects of the alumni. She enjoyed getting together with friends for coffee, many of whom she had known for 30-70 years either from community organizations or classmates. Nancy will be greatly missed. A few of us were fortunate enough to call her mom, Nana or Aunt Nancy, and many just Nancy.

Memorial services are being planned for a date in the future.

Around Town

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Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

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lic health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at katemacdonald@catsnh.org or 603-505-7216.

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