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Martha Smith, left, and Marge Badois, far right, and Andy Mack Sr. discuss the location of a butterfly garden that will be planted at Moose Hill Orchard this spring. Photo by Chris Paul

## GREEN Team Continues to Prepare for Spring Planting

MARHA SMITH  
GREEN TEAM SUBMISSION

The GREEN Team of Londonderry will be developing a community butterfly garden this spring.

The project will be located on Pillsbury Road across from the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum.

Andy Mack Sr., of Moose Hill Orchards has very kindly donated land that will be used for the garden. The garden will be planted on the north side of the existing pumpkin patch on the Mack farm land along scenic Pillsbury Road.

Recently a few of the GREEN Team members, along with Andy Mack Sr.,

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## Bobcat Dealership Looks to Expand Across Town Borders

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Wednesday, March 3, Planning Board meeting the board had a conceptual discussion regarding a site plan for a proposed display area, building additions, storage units and associated site improvements for Hudson-Londonderry Bobcat of New Hampshire.

It was explained by Jason Hill, an engineer with TF Moran who is representing Bobcat of New Hampshire that they are looking to expand its business and by doing so wants to expand down the road from where the business is now.

"They've grown in

size in such a way that they're looking to expand and need a bigger site to physically occupy," Hill said.

He went on to explain that there was a great opportunity to purchase what is known as the Dubowik Excavation and the property next to it.

Hill explained that one of the hurdles that they will have to face is the fact that part of the property is in Hudson and part of the property is in Londonderry.

Because of this they need to get permission for the redevelopment of the properties from both towns.

Hill explained that they wanted to go to the

board to get feedback from them before they continue the process with their plans.

Londonderry Town Planner Colleen Mailloux explained that because of where it is located they would need to get a conditional use permit approved by the board.

Londonderry Planning Board Chairman Arthur Rugg explained that based on the discussion by the board that he feels that they are overall supportive of the proposal.

"I would say overall the board looks upon this very favorably. I think we just have to work on the details but

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## Bus Stop Concerns Raised at Latest School Board Meeting

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For the past several years, the Londonderry School District has been working to eliminate bus stops from private roads in town.

The last private road to have a bus stop on it was an issue discussed during the latest Londonderry School Board meeting.

Since the creation of the Mountain Home Estates there has been a bus stop at the clubhouse for elementary school students, howev-

er, it was explained by a parent, Jessica Kearns who lives there, that it changed for the 2020-21 school year, where they moved the bus stop to the intersection of Fieldstone Drive and Mammoth Road.

Kearns explained to the school board that the change to the bus stop location came as a surprise to her and others who live in the condo development.

"This change came as a surprise to people who live in my complex including myself," Kearns said. "We were

not notified or given any feedback or insight to the changes."

For Kearns, one of the concerns that she has is in regards to the safety of having the bus stop at the intersection. She explained that there are many cars that come

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# Taking to the Trails: When Will the Rail Trail Be Done?

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LONDONDERRY TRAILWAYS ♦

People ask us this all the time. And the answer? Well, it's complicated because there are several parties involved. Here are updates on the Londonderry Rail Trail as well as the trail segments in nearby Salem, Windham, Derry and Manchester. They are all part of the Granite State Rail Trail which, while in various stages of development, spans 125 miles from the Massachusetts border to Lebanon, NH.

All of Windham's 4.3 miles of the Trail have been paved for some years, so trail enthusiasts can currently enjoy about 9.5 miles of uninterrupted Rail Trail from Hood Pond Park in Derry to the Tuscan Kitchen in Salem, the longest stretch of pavement on the entire Trail. The other towns are still developing portions of their Trail.

## Londonderry

Today there are 4.5 miles of completed Rail Trail in Londonderry, from route 28 at Seasons Lane to Harvey Rd., where it borders the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. Both ends of the trail are to be extended, north to Manchester and south to Derry, completing 6.1 miles of trail.

First up is phase 6, a one-mile stretch heading north that will end at the

Manchester town line. We hope to begin construction in 2022 on a route that is expected to run on the former railroad bed, largely along the fence line of the airport. Funding for the estimated \$1.2M cost for this project came from an \$800K federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant, and \$400K from Londonderry's unassigned fund balance. Voters approved the Town's contribution in 2019 by a 3:1 margin.

At the southern end of our current Rail Trail, phase 7 will eventually connect Londonderry to Derry along a 0.6-mile stretch. The timing of this phase is hard to predict because this section will cross property that will be impacted by the planned I-93 Exit 4A Project. The project was recently delayed an estimated two years after bids exceeded the approved budget by over \$30 million. This probably means that Exit 4a and the completion of the Trail are 4-5 years off.

In the meantime, Londonderry Trailways is fundraising and developing plans for a proposed Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) to help get pedestrians safely across Route 28 when the time comes. (A PHB is already in place where the Trail crosses Route 28 near North School.) We are also working on

the design of a bridge that will cross Beaver Brook in this phase. Our section and the adjoining undeveloped section in Derry will need to cross a property owned by a private landowner who has indicated support once Exit 4a has broken ground.

## Derry

Like us, Derry is gated by the Exit 4a Project before they can develop a 0.4 mile stretch from Madden Rd., to the Londonderry town line. Part of the project includes a pedestrian tunnel in Derry that would go under the planned access road from the exit, close to the current intersection of Madden Rd., and North High St. The Derry Rail Trail Alliance has lobbied the State for inclusion of this tunnel so that the access road will not bisect their trail.

Derry plans to submit a TAP grant application to help fund this roughly \$1M project. TAP grants cover 80% of the cost with the applicant responsible for the remaining 20%, and Derry has already allocated funding for their portion. They hope to get the grant and be ready when work on Exit 4A commences.

In addition to the TAP application, the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission included the project in its Met-

ropolitan Transportation Plan, which will be forwarded to the NH Department of Transportation, Governor and State Legislature for funding consideration.

Meanwhile, Derry is currently constructing a 0.35-mile paved stretch from North High Street to Hood Park that crosses the re-engineered Hood Pond Dam. The Town had been negotiating the engineering plan with the State for several years, and will complete the project in the spring. Once these last two sections are done, Derry will offer 4 miles of Rail Trail to explore.

## Salem

Since 2018 Salem has had two miles of paved trail running from the Windham town line to the historic Salem Depot on Main St. The remaining 3.1 miles to the Massachusetts border is stabilized but not paved, so it is best for walking, mountain bikes or experienced riders.

Phases 4 and 5 of the trail will extend it to the Veterans Memorial Parkway intersection with Route 28. This is funded with \$800K in federal money through the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program. The grant requires a 20% match which has been provided by the owners of Tuscan Village in Salem. Construction is gated by utility work along the corridor, so Salem is hoping for a 2022 project completion.

A phase 6 of 0.6 miles is in design and includes plans for a refuge island crossing of Veterans Memorial Parkway, Route 28 crosswalks, and building the trail to and across Cluff Crossing. Another CMAQ grant plus the 20% from the Town will fund that section. This phase will commence after phases 4 and 5 are completed.

The rest of the trail to Massachusetts is covered with recycled asphalt, which is fine for walking and mountain bikes, but not a good surface for road bikes. While there are no plans to fully pave this section, Salem is fundraising to pave a short section and create parking spaces at a trailhead near the state border.

## Manchester

The 2.1-mile Piscataquog Rail Trail connects the West Side of Manchester to the Goffstown Rail Trail, covering a total of 7.5 miles. From the NorthEast Delta Dental Stadium (home of the Fisher Cats) on the Heritage Trail, the paved Piscataquog Trail crosses the Merrimack River on the Hands Across the Merrimack Bridge and then heads northwest, crossing the Irving and Bernice Singer Memorial Bridge over the Piscataquog River to Goffstown.

The Heritage Trail also features the picturesque Riverwalk in the Manchester Millyard. Future phases of the

Heritage Trail include development of a six-mile recreational trail from North to South, adjacent to the railroad corridor and defining a paved path through the Millyard, linking communities and connecting to Elm St.

The South Manchester Trail parallels South Willow St., and is paved from Gold St., near the Hebrew and St. Augustine Cemeteries north to Beech St. From there, Manchester has a preliminary design but is reconsidering the best way to reach Elm St., by 2022. In the other direction, funding is already in place and a design is being finalized to develop the trail from Gold St., near the Wal-Mart to Perimeter Rd., also targeting a 2022 completion date.

Manchester, also, has received a TAP grant to construct the trail around the airport to the Londonderry town line, and the City has committed the 20% matching funds. This part of the trail will run from South Willow St., to Perimeter Rd., and Harvey Rd. The TAP grant funding is set for 2025; however, that date could move up depending on the status of the Londonderry's trail progress and the overall project design readiness.

For more local Rail Trail information, check out our website: [www.londonderry-trails.org](http://www.londonderry-trails.org).



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# Transportation Committee Hears Sen. Birdsell Bill to Complete Exit 4A

The New Hampshire State Senate Transportation Committee heard about the Senate Bill 116 recently, this legislation is designed to help complete construction of Exit 4A on Interstate-93 servicing Derry and Londonderry. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to finish the project within the time frame of the state's Ten-Year Highway Plan. Prime sponsor, and Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Sen. Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead) told the

committee, "The citizens of Derry and Londonderry will benefit greatly from being able to access I-93 via Exit 4A and they have waited 30 years for this project's completion. The new exit will reduce traffic congestion, improve safety and promote economic development."

She added, "The Department of Transportation recognizes Exit 4A as a priority project and they are committed to getting it done. DOT is motivated to finish the project because the department recognizes the benefits

Exit 4A will bring to the Derry and Londonderry communities."

Co-sponsor Sen. Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry) gave her full support to SB116, saying, "Exit 4A is critical to allowing economic development to go forward on Folsom Road

and Tsienneto Road. The necessary environment impact studies and right of way acquisitions are complete. Including the Exit 4A project in the state's Ten-Year Highway plan will go a long way to keeping construction on track."

## OBITUARY

### Keith W. Himmel



Keith W. Himmel, 63 of Londonderry, NH died unexpectedly on Wednesday March 3, 2021 at his home. Keith was born in Brooklyn, NY on April 26, 1957, a son of the late, Daniel and Agnus (Jensen) Himmel.

Keith was a member of the Teamsters, having worked as a cross country trucker for 20 years. He had at one time owned and operated a lumber yard. More recently, Keith was tending chickens at home slowly building a homestead with which he intended to open a farming business. Many people in the community also looked forward to the sight of his plow truck headlights on snowy cold nights. A perfect end to the day for Keith would include a good sci-fi movie with his three beloved dogs Raspberry, Teddy, and Yogi draped across the couch alongside him.

Keith maintained many skills. He had a vast knowledge of carpentry, plumbing, electrical systems, engines, and could fix just about anything. He was a musician and he enjoyed playing rock and roll. He took pride in having played the drums for the St. Jude Parish in Londonderry. He was also a member of the Friendship Center in Derry, NH.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine (Dunne) Himmel of Londonderry, one son, Joshua Himmel of Manchester, NH, two daughters, Elizabeth (Himmel) Barrett and her husband, Cameron Barrett of Derry, and Dawn (Walker) Gilbert and her husband Tom Gilbert of Kingston, NH, one granddaughter, Lyla Barrett of Derry, one brother, Benjamin Himmel and his wife Maria Azua-Himmel of Charlotte, NC, several nephews, and the mother of his children, Karen Himmel of Billerica, MA.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family was held on Monday March 8 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. The family will hold private funeral services. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Londonderry. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## Bobcat

Continued from page 1 certainly Londonderry is glad to have you in," Rugg said. "We certainly will work with you. We just ask you to work with our staff any abutters," he went on to explain.

During the meeting it was also announced that one of the public hearings that was supposed to take place wasn't able to proceed forward during the meeting due to a technicality.

The public hearing was supposed to be about a rezoning request for a few properties on Nashua Road including 275, 271, 269, and 267, but Mailloux explained that while the applicant had contacted all the known abutters as required, it was realized by town staff that one of the adjacent properties to the property, which is a declared open space is

owned by 47 property owners as a common ownership.

Because of this they all have to be notified of the public meeting.

Because they only found out about the ownership of the space at the last minute they didn't have time to notify all the owners.

Mailloux said that it isn't the fault of the applicant and that they will have the public meeting at a later date instead.

"It's not the fault of the applicant; they did their best effort to make sure they did the right thing," Mailloux said.

The public meeting will now take place during the board's meeting on April 7.

Rugg explained that he has seen issues like this in the past and said that he is sure it won't be the last time.

"It's not the first time and I'm sure it won't be

the last time. So this is how we remedy it, we just redo it," Rugg explained.

In other business conducted at the Planning Board meeting, members voted on its board's officers to serve for the next year.

For Chair of the planning board the only nominee was current chair Arthur Rugg, who was re-elected as the chair.

For Vice-Chair, the only nominee was also the incumbent Chris Davies and he was voted in again.

The Secretary position also had only one nominee, the incumbent Al Sypek. He was also re-elected to his current position.

The one position that had discussion was for Assistant Secretary.

Two names brought up for the position were Ann Chiampa and Jake Butler.

In a 7-2 vote Butler was chosen over Chiampa for the position.

"I'm going to vote for Ann because she's put in the time. She's been on the planning board for a very long time," Deb Paul explained.

Rugg, although he didn't vote for Chiampa said that he agreed with what Paul said in regards to Chiampa.

"And I'll agree with that. Ann puts a lot of time in and does her homework," Rugg said. "She's an asset for the board."



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# Editorial

## Let the Sun Shine In "Transparency"

The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." This is the heart of what government is all about.

March 14 - 20 is Sunshine Week. This week serves as a reminder to all of us that all government business should be conducted in the open, after all this is at the heart of a democracy. If we don't know what our officials are doing, we don't have the necessary information to hold them accountable. The more information and input we possess as citizens will force better decisions by our officials on behalf of the people they represent.

"Open and transparent government", is a long time battle cry of this community newspaper along with other independent community newspapers everywhere. Transparency is what we want to see in our government. That's what the public deserves from its elected officials serving in the local, state and national governments. Providing all the information about the doings of government at the local level is a job this newspaper continues to take very seriously.

Elected officials have an obligation to conduct their business and discussions openly and publicly, except in some carefully outlined specific situations. Although it may be easier for officials to conduct business in private, serving in public office carries grave responsibility to the public and is not supposed to be easy. Citizens have the right to know how the government operates and how decisions are made on your behalf.

It is often said that knowledge is power. That knowledge/power is not just for the elected politicians. Information and knowledge of the facts belongs in

the open, available to everyone, especially to those who bear the burden of paying for government operations. We vote politicians into office and depend on and trust them to make the correct choices for us. We can only hope that they will make fair, sound and fiscally responsible decisions once in office. Hopefully, they are listening to the will of the people who elected them and all those they represent. How helpful would it be for the public to understand the information our elected officials possess and use in order to reach the decisions they make on our behalf.

The key, of course, is open access to all meetings and records. We hear a lot about government transparency on the national level, however, I would argue that transparency is more important at the town and school level. This is where the decisions of our elected officials have a much greater immediate impact on our pocketbooks and our lives.

Newspapers, if they're doing their job, help to get the information out to the masses. Newspapers have the responsibility to act as watchdogs, asking the often-uncomfortable questions, getting key information, and providing it to their readers. If documents/videos are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is at the ready for anyone to use. This paper attempts to do its best to report the details of what is happening in local government. Then it's up to all citizens to get involved and make sure their voices are heard.

This Newspaper is happy to do our part to let the sun shine in.

# Letters

## How Am I handling Covid?

To the editor,

I was asked a general question by a friend the other day. I was asked, "How is your family handling the Covid restrictions?" It got me thinking and wanting to be heard - not just for me and my family but for others' sake. Being an ICU nurse on the front line of this pandemic since its inception, I fully understand the concerns about overwhelming the medical system. Yet, since we passed the peak of the pandemic, what I know to be impacting availability of hospital beds is the increase in people with mental health concerns. Lots and lots of children, young adults, and grown adults are struggling emotionally as a result of the restrictions. They are having trouble with the lack of social connection and with job and financial concerns. Restrictions however nobly intended have created consequences. People are hurting and some are hurting themselves because of imposed impositions on them with no reasonable alternative to make a living, be with family, and friends.

Personally, me and my family have been impacted by the school system's decision not to buss children to daycares. My children miss connecting with other children. My husband and I both work and have three young children. Thankfully the

hospital where I work has bent over backwards and adjusted my work hours. Yet, I am left trying to survive on 2 - 3 hours of sleep a day. I work 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. I am in bed by 4 a.m. After three and half hours of sleep or lying in bed, I must wake up at 7:30 a.m. when my husband is off to work an 8 or ten hour day. I pick up where he left off in caring for our children and start administering my son's remote schooling. While I am not a teacher, I am a able supervisor. Regardless of my abilities or lack thereof, the remote education system does not come close to the quality of education our tax dollars have been paying for. The town and school system seems to gladly take all our property taxes and demand more every time it is possible. But during this time of obvious need by working parents, the school system will not provide children a ride to school and then to day care because of Covid distancing restrictions on buss rides. Yet, I can put my children into my car with my neighbors' children and drive them to school and then to a daycare. This is absurd, ie. the same kids cannot be on a school bus together. This lack of logistical transportation support stresses all of my family as it does similarly situated other families that I know.

Is it not time that the restrictive mandates be re-evaluated

and amended for sanity's sake?

Donna Hopkins  
Londonderry

## Hug Your Trees

To the editor,

My wife and I are habitual tree huggers. We tend to all 24 of the trees on our property as often as possible, and they are wonderful trees.

Back in 1978 our lot was devoid of all vegetation so we started planting trees soon after our house was constructed. We planted all of the trees in the first 10 years, including maples, birch, crab trees, willows and pines.

Unfortunately, many people today are not tree huggers. They cut down trees to make room for additions, pools, play areas and the availability of sunshine. The chain saws are very active and the thunder of fallen trees is quite earth shattering.

What bothers us the most is the lack of concern for the environment.

Trees cleanse the air by absorbing pollutants generated by the burning of fossil fuels. In particular, trees absorb Carbon emissions and emit Oxygen.

The more trees that come down the more Carbon in the air, and the greater the pollution and health risk to the population.

We would love to see more tree hugging by people. Please save your trees and yourselves and plant more trees.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry

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# Green Team Garden

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Mack Sr. went out and measured the area for the garden for the purpose of ordering wildflower seeds.

Mack Sr. is generously allowing the group to utilize 10,000 square feet of the existing pumpkin patch for this garden project.

The team, comprised of Londonderry residents, intends to proceed with the endeavor in stages. The hope is to have a lot of involvement with families in town.

The Green Team recently entered into a Community Recycling Project with Trex Corporation Inc. Through this program the team is hopeful to have Trex donate a high performance plastic composite

bench for the garden.

In order for this program to work, the group must collect 500 pounds of shopping bags (about 40,500 bags) within a six month period of time. The time frame for the collection of the bags for the project began on Feb. 14 and will be running until Aug. 14, this summer.

The GREEN Team is hoping that Londonderry residents will help in their collection efforts of these bags and other acceptable recycling plastic.

Anyone wishing to help should visit the Trex Recycling webpage at [www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs](http://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs) and learn exactly what recyclable materials are acceptable for the Trex Recycling Pro-

gram.

The group greatly appreciates residents help in collecting clean plastic bags and donating these bags to The Green Team of Londonderry.

With Earth Day being celebrated on April 22 this year, the team will be collecting the bags from community members during the weekend of April 24 and 25.

More information concerning the drop off locations for the bags will be available the closer to the collection weekend. Thank you in advance for helping us to achieve our goal to obtain for a beautiful bench for the garden.

Contact Deb Paul at 537-2760 for more information on collecting bags or if residents are interested in becoming a member of the team.



GREEN Team members Deb Paul, Marge Badois and Martha Smith, discuss the location of a butterfly garden with Andy Mack Sr. The garden will be planted at Moose Hill Orchard this spring. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Londonderry Schools Chosen for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As communities across the state and across the country are working to get as many COVID-19 vaccine shots into the arms of their community members as humanly possible, one local school district will soon be able to vaccinate its faculty and staff.

It was announced by the Londonderry School District Superintendent Scott Laliberte at the March 2 School Board meeting that the school district was one of three districts in the state to participate in a pilot program that would work to vaccinate all staff, faculty and administrators in the school system.

Laliberte explained that the vaccines could be coming to the district as soon as a couple of weeks.

"We're very happy about it," Laliberte explained.

While details are still being worked out about how the vaccine pro-

gram will work one concern that was brought up by Londonderry School Board member Jenn Ganem was in regards to scheduling the vaccines and the impacts it could have.

She explained that her and her daughter both received their first and second doses of the vaccine and after their second dose they experienced side effects. She suggested that depending on what vaccine they are receiving they should consider staggering them or having them later in the week in order to avoid large scale absences due to the side effects.

Laliberte said that this is something they are looking at.

"That's something we're watching very closely as well," Laliberte explained.

Also during his superintendent report Laliberte gave an update on the state of COVID-19 in the school district.

He explained that due to the amount of

staff that was out before the February vacation due to COVID-19 or being a close contact to someone with COVID-19 that they are fortunate that the vacation came when it did.

"We're very thankful school vacation came when it did," Laliberte.

While he explained that they were extremely short staffed for a while, they are now doing better on the staffing front.

One question that was asked by Londonderry School Board Chair Michael Saucier asked if they would consider going to full days of school for high school students before the end of the year.

Laliberte said that they won't rule any ideas out.

"I've learned not to rule out anything in this world in this past year," Laliberte said.

He explained while they would love to go back to a regular model of learning, they need to do so in a safe way.

Londonderry Assistant Superintendent Dan Black said that while generally numbers are continuing to go down, they are urging people to continue to be vigi-

lant.

"We hope everyone stays vigilant in their behaviors," Black said.

Also on the agenda during the board meeting was in regards to changes to the Londonderry Middle School Program of Studies.

It was explained by Londonderry Middle School Curriculum Coordinator Ann Collacchi that most of the changes that they made were just the name of the courses and nothing in regards to the curriculums have changed.

"These changes aren't earth shattering for sure, they are basically just changes in the titles," Collacchi explained.

She explained that they made these changes largely due to the fact that it would make it less confusing for parents.

"Nothing has changed in the courses, it just makes it simpler to understand the names," Collacchi said.

The changes made renames math courses making the courses for sixth grade, Math in Focus, High Math, and Advanced Math.

For seventh grade, the math courses

offered are Math in Focus, Pre-Algebra, and Advanced Math.

For eighth grade the math courses offered now will be Math in Focus, Algebra 1 and Honors Algebra 1.

The other change came in the word language department. Collacchi explained that last year the board approved to allow students to be awarded high school credits in eighth grade through their world language courses. Because of this they decided to align the course titles and descriptions to be more aligned with the high school courses.

The board approved

the changes to the program of studies.

In other news the board also approved retirements from eight teachers for the end of the year. From North School they included Katherine Fanning, Gloria Hartigan, and Michelle Sossei. From Londonderry Middle School they include Susan Thornberg, Joanne Troy, and Monica Keshigian. Kim Kerns will be retiring from Londonderry High School and Mary Coppinger will be retiring from Matthew Thorton.

The next Londonderry School Board meeting is slated for March 16 at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Martha F. Dube (Daskey)



Martha F. Dube (Daskey) of Manchester, passed away on March 3, 2021 at Community Hospice House in Merrimack after a brief illness. She was born on Aug. 25, 1935, daughter of the late William and Burridell (Plummer)

Daskey. She graduated from Pinkerton Academy, Derry, Class of 1953.

Martha is survived by her husband, Renald Dube of 65 years; sons Robert and his wife, Elaine, of Manchester, and Mark of Manchester; five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her brothers Martin Daskey and William Daskey Jr.

There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, please keep the family in your thoughts and give your loved ones an extra hug. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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## Bus Route

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in and out of the complex during the morning pick up and afternoon drop off, and during the winter due to the snowbanks it makes it very hard for the kids to walk on the side.

"This is not a safe location for many reasons," Kearns said.

Kearns told the board that she was advised to go to the condo association and ask for them to create a place for students to be able to wait for the bus safely at the intersection location.

She feels that it should be the responsibility of the school district and not the homeowners association.

"How is this feasible? I can't control what my homeowners association does or does not do and furthermore it's not the responsibility of my homeowners association to ensure a safe bus stop location," Kearns

said. "I feel that is the responsibility of the district. I understand that there is a policy however I am asking for an exception to the policy and that there be a permanent bus stop at the clubhouse. This isn't about convenience it's about safety."

With that said, Londonderry School District Business Administrator, Peter Curro explained that they have made accommodations for this winter only to allow the bus stop to be at the clubhouse.

Curro explained to the board that they have been moving away from having bus stops on private roads for a while and that this is the last

one.

"We have been moving away from the short cul-de-sacs and have been moving away from the private roads." He added, "This is the last private road we go down for regular transportation."

Curro also explained that one of the main reasons why they don't like going down private roads is because they have no control over them. One example he gave is oftentimes if they are having issues with a road especially during the winter they can call DPW and have them help to make sure the bus can safely travel, but for private roads they aren't able to do

so.

Another major issue they have with the private roads is that not all the private roads are built to town specs.

"That's the reason why we pulled out of all the private roads," Curro said.

Aside from the district systematically moving away from having private road bus stops, Curro said that after visiting the bus stop he said that he doesn't see any reason why it can't be at the intersection.

"In my opinion the stop is safe. There is no reason why the bus can't stop there," Curro said.

Londonderry School Board member Bob Slater said that he would like to see staff members from the school bus company, Curro, and the homeowners association sit down to "see if we can work something out that works for both parties," Slater stated.

Curro said that he has offered three times to meet with them but they haven't met with him.

"We've offered to meet with the board of directors to come up with some solutions," Curro said.

The Londonderry School Board ultimately voted to allow the bus

stop to be at the condo's clubhouse for the remainder of the 2021 school year. When that is over, they will then have the bus stop at the intersection.

Their hopewas that in the meantime, the homeowners association can come up with a way to have a safe area for students while they wait for the bus.

They noted that the school district is willing to work with them on it.

"I think both parties can come up with a system that works for both parties where liability and the children are safe," I think it takes a joint effort from both parties," Slater said.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Londonderry Boys Basketball Gets Two Big Playoff Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Boys Basketball squad seems to be firing on all cylinders as they completed convincing wins against two tough teams at home last week. The Lancers extended their season into the semifinals of the NHIAA Division I playoffs with wins against Pinkerton Academy and Timberlane Regional High School.

The team will now be moving onto a game against the Bishop Guertin High School Cardinals, on Wednesday, March 10, at Oyster River High School.

In the team's first game, against rival Pinkerton Academy, a team that they had lost to in two consecutive games during the regular season, Londonderry muscled through a very physical game on their



*LHS junior Mike Rosatano was a major contributor in the two playoff wins last week.*

home court to come away with a jaw-dropping 66-58 victory.

The game tightly monitored by the refer-

ees that night, with 23 fouls in the first half of play, 13 by Londonderry and 10 against Pinkerton, and the fouls kept piling up throughout the second half, with LHS getting 13 more in that half, while Pinkerton was charged with 12.

Offensively, the Astros came out with a slight advantage in the first quarter, PA Freshman forward Jackson Marshall had three, three-pointers and senior Justin Dunne managed a bucket and a three.

That quarter ended with PA taking a slim, one-point lead into the second period, but LHS tightened up their defense in the second and outscored the Astros 16-11, taking a 31-27 lead into halftime.

That momentum carried into the third period, where the Londonderry boys were able to

maintain a two-point scoring advantage and lead 46-40 headed into the fourth and final period.

In that period, the LHS squad continued their ability to outscore PA by two for the 66-58 win.

Senior guard, Jackson Cox finished big, with 24 points and a number of steals. Cox had six buckets and one three-pointer. He also went to the foul line 17 times. Lancer junior Mike Rosatano also had a big game with 12 points, seven on fouls shots and one three-pointer from outside.

Kevin Rourke and Zack Forlong each had seven-points, Brian Gould had six and Tyler

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*Senior Jackson Cox scored 24 points against the Pinkerton Astros. Photos by Chris Paul*



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# Lady Lancer Basketball Squad Heads to DI Final Four

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Although neither game was what one would call a “barn burner” of scoring, the LHS Girls Basketball Team did what they had to and extended their season into the semifinals of the NHIAA Division I playoffs last week.

The Lady Lancers played two games at home over the weekend and won both. Now the team will move onto a game against the reigning DI Champions, Bishop Guertin High School, on Thursday, March 11, at Sanborn High School.

In the first game, took place Friday, March 5, the girls faced the Salem Blue Devils, a team that they beat twice in the regular season and one that had only won a single game this season, but in the playoffs, anything can happen.

It was a typical first-round playoff game, and

nerves seemed to affect both teams, but LHS started out very well defensively, forcing turnovers and pushing the ball, but they just couldn't finish their lay-ups and the ball wasn't falling from outside either.

The LHS squad lead 11-6 by the end of the first quarter took a six point and increased the lead to seven-points at the end of the half but, just couldn't seem to put the Lady Blue Devils away.

The Lancers struggled to put the ball in the hoop all evening, but played well defensively well enough to keep the game close.

Jordan Furlong hit two big threes in the third to help maintain the lead but, the game got increasingly tighter as it went on.

In the fourth, Lancers started turning the ball over, and Salem started hitting three-pointer's re-

sulting in a one-point lead for Salem with about 3:30 left.

In the end, the LHS girls picked up their defense and forced some big turnovers and were able to finish with some easy lay-ups for the 35-28 victory. Olivia Chau hit on a Ashley Rourke pass and Jordon Furlong had a fast break hoop. Kylee McGurn had an outside shot to stabilize the win.

After the game head coach Nick Theos commented, “It wasn't pretty, but at this point, they don't have to be, you just need one more point then your opponent and you get to move on.”

Londonderry's leading scorers were, senior, Ashley Rourke with 13-points and sophomore, Jordan Furlong with eight points. Junior Olivia Chau had five and Kylee McGurn had four points.

The scoring didn't come any easier against

Windham High School in the second game of the playoffs for the Lady Lancers either.

They were able to come away with a 39-34 win over the Lady Jags, but baskets were a rare commodity for both sides.

In the first period of play, LHS trailed WHS in a 4-3 woeful offensive struggle.

The only baskets in the first quarter came from Windham hitting one field goal and two foul shots, while Chau hit one field goal and one foul shot.

In the second, the Lady Lancers settled down a bit and Jordan Furlong hit a three-point-er, Schmitt had a pair of buckets and Sarah Clegg had two foul shots to give LHS a 16-10 halftime lead.

Theos said, “We did exactly what we wanted to on defense in the first half, holding Dempsey to

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Senior guard Ashley Rourke tries to penetrate the Windham defense during the Sunday afternoon Quarterfinal game. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Lancer Hockey Squad's Season Ends in Battle with Pinkerton

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Acad-

emy Boys Hockey teams squared off in the Region One Preliminary Round of the Division I State Championship last

week, and even though the Lancers fought their way to a 4-4 tie to start the third period, the Astros were able to outlast LHS for a 7-4 victory and move onto the Quarterfinals.

That game took place on Wednesday, March 3, at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett, which happens to be both teams' home ice.

The Pinkerton team took an early 2-0 lead, with a goal by Ethan Burgess from Lorenzo Corsetto and Nick Plaza at the 9:16 minute mark, and 15 seconds later, the duo of Burgess and Corsetto scored again.

Londonderry got one back about three minutes later when Connor Paiton got the puck past Pinkerton goalie from Drew Nut-

ter. Corsetto added another point to the PA side of the board two

minutes later with an unassisted goal to end the first period.

The second period continued to go Pinkerton's way, when at 5:39, Aidan Price scored from Jack Doherty and Ryan Lewandowski to give the Astros a rather commanding 4-1 lead.

With their season on the line, Londonderry battled back by scoring three consecutive goals to end the second period with both sides knotted at four.

Sam Neville scored with an assist from Brendon Savage and Noah Malcolm at 11:37.

Savage then got a

goal of his own from Neville thirty-seconds later to bring the score to within one and with 20 seconds left on the clock in the third, then before the period ended, Lancer Drew Nutter tied the game up at 4-4 with an assist by Neville on a late power play.

This had the Lancer fans that were allowed to attend back in the game, and after an extremely long intermission between periods due to ice cleaning issues at the rink Pinkerton regained their momentum with a goal by Nick Plaza from

Aidan Price and Connor Clifford at 11:14 for a lead they would not relinquish.

Hunter Drouin tacked on two more before the buzzer sounded, one unassisted on a power play the other was by way of an open net, and the Astros moved on to the Quarterfinals.

The Pinkerton goalie had to make 36 saves off 40 shots on net by the Londonderry Lancer squad.

Pinkerton advanced to the quarterfinals, but was narrowly defeated there by the Salem Blue Devils 2-1 on Saturday.



Lancer forward Same Neville and Astros forward Hunter Drouin battle for the puck during their game in the DI playoffs. Photo by Chris Paul

## Boys Hoop

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Brown had five. That high-energy victory gave the Lancers a chance to extend their season into the quarterfinals at home against Timberlane Regional High School on Saturday, March 5, where they disposed of the Owls in a 69-41 game.

That game certainly didn't have the same energy as the previous one against their rivals, but the victory meant a trip to the final-four.

The LHS team came out of the gate extremely strong, hitting seven,

three-pointers. Rosatano had three, Gould added two and Furlong and Wil Reyes each had one to help end the first with a strong 23-15 lead.

The second quarter wasn't nearly as productive for the Lancers, managing only three points on four free throws.

Thankfully the defense was able to hold Timberlane to just six points and the quarter ended leaving Londonderry with a 26-21 advantage to end the half.

The Lancers boosted their offense back up in the second half, scoring

20 in the third to the Owls seven, and 23-13 in the fourth quarter for the convincing 69-41 win.

Rosatano had another big game, finishing with 16-points to lead the team. Gould had 13-points and Reyes finished with 11 in quarterfinal game. Cox contributed eight, while Furlong got seven.

The Lancers will now have to face the BG Cardinals in the Semifinals on Wednesday Oyster River High School, a facility that was deemed to be a neutral site by the NHIAA.

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# Lancer Cheerleaders Compete in Virtual Division I Championships

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Lancer Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders competed in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's State Championship over the weekend and both made it into the top four.

The event was held through video submissions with the JV team's routine being reviewed by a panel of judges on Saturday, March 6, and the varsity squad's video being looked at and judged on Sunday, March 7.

The Junior varsity

team was able to place second in the tournament with a score of 83. First place went to Pinkerton Academy with an 87.3 and third place was awarded to Concord High School with a 61.6.

Junior Varsity head coach Stefanie Medrek was overjoyed with the accomplishment, "A HUGE congratulations to LJVC for placing second at JV States and executing their best routine of the season, the team has overcome so many obstacles this season and refused to back down no matter what was thrown at them."

The Junior Varsity

team was made up of: Kennedy Brown, Haley Buonomo, Katie Grassis, Angie Mochrie, Stephanie Provencal, Isabell Roy and Morgynne Sevigny.

The following day, the varsity squad was judged on a video they recorded during the Londonderry High School PEP Rally held on Friday morning.

That performance, which head coach Chelsea Dennis said was their best of the year, landed them a fourth place spot in the state competition.

Reigning Champions, Pinkerton Academy took first place with 104.3 points. Salem High School finished with 100.9 for second place. Concord High School finished third with a 95.3 and the Lancer team finished with a 93.7.

Dennis was very proud of how the girls got through the season despite the issues brought on by COVID-19, "More important than where we finished is how hard they worked inside and outside of practice to improve, overcoming obstacles and working together through challenges, giving their all to



The Lancer Varsity Cheerleaders performed their routine on Friday afternoon at LHS for family members. Photo by Chris Paul

this team for the past three months. We are so proud of their progress and improvements. Best performance to date, highest score and a HIT routine. Thank you to everyone who made this season possible for our athletes and for everyone who supported and encouraged us along the way." She added, "So proud to be a Lancer."

The Varsity team includes: Reyanna Broadhurst (Manager), Raissa Cabeza, Ava Campbell, Kailyn Carkhuff, Isabella Chick, Kylee Dodge, Madi Gehris, Alex Kelly, Nikki Longua, Alana Mobbs, Emily Ouellette, Maddy Ouellette, Alyssa Pitarys, Hailey Sibley, and Lilly Tharrington.

Alternates are: Kennedy Brown, Katie Grassis, Isabell Roy.



Lancer Junior Varsity Cheerleaders came finished the state competition in second place.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of March 1

**Brandon Morani**  
Senior, Unified  
Basketball



Brandon was a consistent defender in every game this season. He made it very difficult for the other team to score against the Lancer squad.

**Alanna Vargus**  
Junior, Unified  
Basketball



Alana was a consistent player on the Unified bBsk-  
ketball Team. She also became a secret weapon with her three-point shot.

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On Monday, March 22, at 10 a.m., a virtual children's program will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page. Miss Jennifer returns with more new children's materials to share including audiobooks! If you are interested in checking any of these titles out, please call the library at 432-1132. Please check the library's Facebook page on Monday, March 22 for the link. To access the library's Facebook page, visit the Leach Library website at [www.londonderry.nh.org/l](http://www.londonderry.nh.org/l) each-library then select the "Facebook" link from the blue menu on the left side of the page.

## The Food and Culture of Ireland

On Monday, March 29, at 10 a.m., follow along with Public Services Librarian Matt Fuller as he discusses a selection of materials all about Ireland. If you would like to check out these items, call the Leach Library at 432-1132. Please check the library's Facebook page on Monday, March 29 for the link. To access the library's Facebook page, visit the Leach Library website at [www.londonderry.nh.org/l](http://www.londonderry.nh.org/l) each-library then select the "Facebook" link from the blue menu on the left side of the page.

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The Londonderry Republicans will meet on Thursday, March 18, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. It's time to move on key issues. Learn the latest progress on the Town's Water Quality Issues. Find out about key pending State legislation that could affect our town and our taxes. Learn what is being done about election integrity 1st, and 2nd amendment issues and much more. Have your voice heard. Ask your questions, get answers directly from your State Representatives and other officials who are at the front lines. Join in the effort to keep us on the Right path. Questions? Call or email LRC Chairwomen Liz Thomas (603) 437-6090, [eathomas@comcast.net](mailto:eathomas@comcast.net).

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

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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 addi-

tional information on the program. For more information, contact Dee Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Dee Fosmire at [dfosmire@londonderry.org](mailto:dfosmire@londonderry.org) or Kim Speers at [kspeers@londonderry.org](mailto:kspeers@londonderry.org).

## 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.

## 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/tipstotics](https://bit.ly/tipstotics)

## 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 [selizab@urteachers.org](mailto:selizab@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.

## Free Stress Management Workshop

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

## 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

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## OBITUARY

### Barbara Ann Hoyt Hanlon



Barbara Ann Hoyt Hanlon, 93, of Londonderry, NH, formerly of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully in her sleep Sunday, Feb. 28. Barbara was born in Newton, MA, on May 19, 1927, the daughter of George L. and Edna H. (Ehrcke) Reynolds.

Barbara spent most of her childhood summers digging for clams and racing the incoming tide as it rolled in over the sand bars in Brewster on Cape Cod. At the age of 20 she met and married Robert T. Hoyt of Wellesley, MA. and together raised four children, David R. (Sherry) Hoyt, Stephen R. (Jean) Hoyt, Deborah Hoyt and Kimberly E. (Michael) Gagnon.

Barbara was widowed in midlife, then she met and married Arthur R. Hanlon of Pelham, NH. Together they moved to Londonderry where they enjoyed 33 years together caring for one another, sharing their families, and living full and long lives well into their 90's.

Barbara had an infectious smile and twinkling eyes that were her trademark as one of the kindest, most caring persons you'd ever meet. Barbara was a loyal friend who loved to play bridge with her neighbors, laugh and just enjoy the moment. Barbara made friends with the grocery clerk, the hairdresser, the butcher, and waitresses at their favorite eateries. She knew their names and they knew hers.

Barbara loved to write poetry and short stories about her childhood, the nature around her and the thoughts that came to mind. She questioned the things that puzzled her and accepted what life had to bring. "A firefly lights his lantern/Brightens his corner space / Children holding jars/ Capture their mystery of life."

Barbara is predeceased by her husbands, "Bob" and "Art" and her son, Stephen. She is survived by her remaining children and their spouses, her stepchildren, A. Richard (Mark) Hanlon, Kevin (Darlene) Hanlon, Melanie (Richard) Taylor and all of the above's grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Re-Member, serving the Oglala Lakota people living on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota: Re-Member, PO Box 5054, Pine Ridge, SD 57770. [www.re-member.org/donate.aspx](http://www.re-member.org/donate.aspx). Or the charity of your choice

Private Funeral Service. The Davis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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our contact tracing. Located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

### 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.

### Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect

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

### Vaping and Your Health

A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Work-

shops 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.

### 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."

### 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/tip-stops

### 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://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at [selizab@urteachers.org](mailto:selizab@urteachers.org)

### Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a

friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or [jrkdias@aol.com](mailto:jrkdias@aol.com)

### 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](mailto:eoconnell@URteachers.org) or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

### Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7

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### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - March 1

**12:11 a.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Justin Circle.

**1:33 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Southern New Hampshire Septic and Drain on Rockingham Road.

**1:38 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**3:05 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**4:15 p.m.** Dog Found by Animal Control on Teton Drive.

**6:44 p.m.** Services rendered to keep the peace on Bayberry Lane.

#### Tuesday - March 2

**12:10 a.m.** Services rendered for Wires Down on Gilcreast Road.

**8:20 a.m.** Services rendered by five officers for Wires Down on King John Drive.

**10:13 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on at the Londonderry High School.

**3:10 p.m.** Services rendered for Wires Down on Timber Street.

**3:22 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at Macgregor Cut Apartments on

Stonehenge Road.

**3:33 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**5:22 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Transportation to a Hospital from Cross Road.

**Wednesday - March 3**  
**8:31 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from American Tire Distributors on Jack's Bridge Road.

**10:19 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Boyd Road.

**10:49 a.m.** Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**2:05 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Kitchen Pro on Londonderry Road.

**2:08 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

**3:34 p.m.** Sudden Death investigated by five officers on High Range Road.

**3:48 p.m.** Services rendered to keep the peace on Tokanel Drive.

**7:48 p.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on King Henry Drive.

**9:31 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with trans-

portation to a hospital from Hardy Road.

#### Thursday - March 4

**11:21 a.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on High Range Road.

**1:54 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Barberry Lane. Jacob James, 32, of Concord charged Willful Concealment (Theft); Theft By Unauthorized Taking - Two Prior Convictions; Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

**5:26 p.m.** Arrest made by four officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Litchfield Road. Christopher McKnight, 22, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault, Physical Contact); and Criminal Mischief.

**7:08 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated at end of cul-de-sac on Buckthorn Street.

#### Friday - March 5

**12:31 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Ross Drive.

**5:38 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Capitol Hill Drive.

**6:26 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

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**12:21 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Sherwood Road.  
**1:18 p.m.** Assault investigated on Harvey Road.  
**6:55 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Clark Road.  
**9:40 p.m.** Services rendered during Neighborhood Disputes at Main Street Apartments on Main Street, Woodmont.  
**10:06 p.m.** Peace restored during a follow-up at Main Street Apartments on Main Street, Woodmont.

**10:16 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Boyd Road.

**11:38 p.m.** Services Rendered by five officers for Suspicious Activity on Apollo Road Extension.

**Saturday - March 6**

**12:08 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at the Grand Estate at Londonderry on Golen Drive.  
**10:43 a.m.** Dog Bite investigated by Animal Control on Kim Avenue.  
**11 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on State Street in Concord. Tess Hibbard, 32, of Concord,

charged with Conduct after an Accident; and Operation of a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License.

**11:15 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**1:17 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Whittemore Road.

**7:47 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Nashua Road at Winding Pond Road.

**11:27 p.m.** Warning issued by three officers for trespassing on Bancroft Road.

**Sunday - March 7**

**1:31 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Crestview Circle.

**11:04 a.m.** Services rendered at a Disturbance at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

**11:26 a.m.** Services rendered for trespassing on Elijah Hill Road.

**2:16 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Winding Pond Road.

**3:30 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**3:31 p.m.** Peace restored

during a Disturbance on Kitt Lane.

**4:52 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance results in Transportation to a Hospital from Kitt Lane.

**5:23 p.m.** Services ren-

dered for Suspicious Activity on Old Nashua Road.

**5:39 p.m.** Drone Incursion investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

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p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

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In an effort to keep drivers and the ridership of CART safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, CART will transition to essential only. CART will communicate with all passengers who have current trips scheduled and make adjustments where appropriate. Essential travel will

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## Girls Hoops

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two points and Tsetsilas to two points. The entire team played great team defense, but Chau played Dempsey the entire game and really made her work, she also took a huge charge in the first quarter to keep them off the board."

In the third, the offense struggled again, but tough defense kept the girls in it with a 26-18 lead to end the quarter. Rourke hit a big three and Clegg had a giant baseline shot.

In the fourth, the game got a bit more physical and LHS had to work for every possession. Sophomore Shannon Ball had two big baskets, one of which was a scoop shot in the lane.

LHS increased their lead in that quarter to double digits, but the Lady Jags hit two big three's and a ton of foul shots to tight-

en the game up.

Theos commented after the big win to send them to the final four, "My girls played their hearts out, worked for everything they got tonight and I'm so proud of them. We hit timely baskets and got huge rebounds over bigger players, I couldn't ask for more, they did everything they could to make sure this wasn't their last game. We are excited to move on to the final four for the second year in a row, let's hope we get to play this one."

Last year, the Lady Lancers never got a chance to play in the semifinal, as COVID-19 caused the entire season to shut down and the team had to settle for a runner-up finish.

Leading scorers in the Sunday game were: Chau with 10; Ashley Rourke with eight; Ashley Schmitt had seven; Furlong had five and Ball had four.



*Lady Lancer, sophomore Jordan Furlong attempts a shot in the final period of the Quarterfinal game against Windham High School.*

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## OBITUARY

### John Frederick Wissler



The Former Executive Director, of the Boston College Alumni Association, John Frederick Wissler, 85, of Londonderry, NH (formerly of Medfield, Mass) died in his home surrounded by his loving family on Friday, March 5, 2021. He was born in Floral Park, NY on Nov. 6, 1935, the son of the late Harry & Florence (Dunham) Wissler.

John graduated in 1953 from Brooklyn Preparatory High School, in Brooklyn, NY, he then went on to Boston College where he graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1957 & an MBA in 1972 becoming a Double Eagle.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeanne (MacDonald) Wissler of Londonderry. Their love story began in 1953 at a mixer dance at Boston College Alumni Hall & was highlighted by a strong faith, a love of family, a desire to travel & Boxers. They were married in 1957 at St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill, MA & began their life together by honeymooning at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where John was an officer in a transportation company. They both agreed it was the best way for a young couple to start their life together.

John started his career at 3M in NY selling scotch tape. In 1967 while attending his 10th reunion from Boston College, he learned about and applied for the position of Executive Director of the Alumni Association. He was successful in turning his avocation into his life's work in the position that he held for 31 years until his retirement in June, 1998.

John's career was highlighted by his professional expertise offered to countless individuals who had sought his advice on issues regarding programs, strategic planning, & alumni governance. He earned his Certified Association of Executive credentials from the American Society of Association Executives & received several Awards & Recognition.

In addition to his own success in that role, John was equally accomplished & respected as a teacher, coach & mentor of the staff members who served with him at the association over the years. Many of those individuals continue to this day to work in education, human services & other non-profits thanks to the training & skills they acquired under John's tutelage. Additionally, there are many Boston College Alumni who are grateful for John's belief in their ability to be successful students.

John is also survived by his daughter, Anne Merrow & husband Charles of Albany, NH & his son Thomas Wissler & his wife Sandie of Marlborough, three grandchildren, Daniel Merrow & wife Katie, Jennifer Rousseau & husband Charles, & Tyler Wissler, as well as one great grandson, Camden Rousseau. He was predeceased by his son John Francis Wissler & sister, Valerie Bartolacci.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, March 9, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, March 10, at St. Ignatius of Loyola, 28 Commonwealth Ave, Chestnut Hill, MA & was live streamed. Burial with military honors was held on Thursday, March 11, at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pine Street Inn, Boston, MA at [www.pinestreetinn.org](http://www.pinestreetinn.org) or New York Foundling Hospital, New York City, [www.nyfoundling.org](http://www.nyfoundling.org) To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



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