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Sowing Seeds

Members of the GREEN Team were out over the weekend planting wildflowers in the area they were given by the new owner of Mack's Apples. They are hoping rain will help the process along soon.

Photo by Chris Paul

Zoning Board Grants Approvals on Sheds, Chickens & Setback

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment approved, with some slight dissension, requests for variances and special exceptions to everything from shed plans to chicken

farms at the May 19 meeting.

In seeking a variance to encroach 25 feet into the 40-foot front setback for construction of a shed at 15 King Arthur Drive (Map 9, Lot 66-12), zoned AR-1, owner and applicant Edward Cur-

ran said his property had nowhere else to place the structure.

He told the zoning board he wanted the 16x22' shed in front in order to enable access to his backyard to get mechanical equipment

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Funding Available for Water System Financial Assistance

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry residents have a range of financial assistance programs available pertaining to PFAS and other contaminants although they are geared toward public water systems and not residential wells.

Many of these funding programs are intended to address community water systems in town already known to have PFAS levels, Erin Holmes, administrator with the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at the NH Department of Environmental Services, told residents at the May 20 PFAS informational

session.

The financial assistance varies from studies to assist with decision making on water treatments to large-scale infrastructure projects for extending water lines.

Federal stimulus money also is available even though how it can be used within the state on PFAS and other issues in community water systems is still being worked out, Holmes said.

There is no established funding mechanism at present for private wells.

The PFAS Remediation Loan Fund www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/?pageid=1287, for capital infra-

structure offers low-interest loans with the potential for principal forgiveness if eligible and contingent reimbursement for PFAS contamination. These may be for disadvantaged community water systems that could benefit from having part of a loan forgiven.

Contingent reimbursement could be for any system entering into a loan through this program. The reimbursement would come from any lawsuit funds the state is awarded for communities participating in the loan agreements, Holmes said.

The program, which

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Town Council Approves the Woodmont TIF District

KAITLIN BEDELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council discussed the developers of the Woodmont Commons during their May 17 meeting.

The council reviewed the resolution for the land which deals with the adoption of exit 4A as a recognized "TIF district." The project will be the third TIF District in the town of Londonderry.

Under the Development Agreements approved by the town of Londonderry, the proj-

ect will implement a Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The developers of Woodmont Commons will upfront the cost of building infrastructure and facilities which will be recognized by the town as public. After establishing a certificate of occupancy, the town will reimburse the developers using the tax revenue earned off of the infrastructure's new existence.

According to the plan, the plan is only funded by the tax payments of the TIF District

and will not impact tax rates of the town, county, or school.

Several Londonderry residents said they were concerned about the project and did not like the allocation of tax money.

Resident Richard

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DES Reviews PFAS Health Effects, Treatment Options for Residents

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Londonderry residents were briefed by state officials about PFAS in local water systems, its history in the area, health effects, treatment options, and the ongoing response during a NH Department of Environmental Services remote informational session May 20.

With PFAS being man-made synthetic organic compounds containing multiple fluorine atoms, said Mike Winsatt, waste management division director at DES, the two most studied are PFOA – perfluorooctanoic acid – and PFOS – perfluorooctane sulfonic acid.

PFOA, the primary contaminant in Southern New Hampshire drinking water, was a major component of emulsions used at the Saint-Gobain facility to coat fabric with Teflon. Contamination was first discovered at its manufacturing plant in Merrimack in 2016.

Shortly afterwards DES found widespread

contamination in Litchfield in both groundwater and bedrock wells. That demonstrated this was an airborne transport pathway where compounds were released to the air and deposited on the ground, Winsatt explained.

Drinking water wells in Londonderry were affected where extensive sampling has continued to the present time. The short-term response has been to provide bottled water to residents. The eventual step will be providing a clean alternative water source through expanding public drinking water systems.

That need was the reason for the 2018 consent decree DES negotiated with Saint-Gobain, he said. The decree governs the company's responsibility for well testing and in the interim providing alternate water in the form of bottled water delivered from Monadnock Springs.

PFAS exposure occurs primarily through water consumption or

contaminated food, noted Jonathan Ali, a DES toxicologist who evaluates health effects. In addition, PFAS can transfer across the Placentia into fetuses before birth and also in the breastmilk of infants.

Exposure can additionally happen through accidentally ingesting dust particles or by infants or small children crawling on their hands and feet and putting their hands on toys and their hands into their mouth.

Certain PFAS can stay in the body for a long time, Ali said. "The human body seems to reabsorb these compounds from the kidneys not letting them leave when we urinate so they can build up over time."

People can still have exposure from other sources such as sea-

food, the wear and tear of household products, or the workplace. Information on PFAS health effects and exposure is available from the NH Department of Health and Human Services at www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/pfcs/index.htm and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry at www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/resource-s/index.html.

Health risks include higher cholesterol levels, changes in liver enzyme levels reflecting changes in liver function, altered immune system function, greater hypertension, and possible changes in hormones such as testosterone and estrogen.

Besides from Saint-Gobain, Londonderry has different sources of PFAS from discrete sites, said Jeff Marts, senior hydro-

geologist with the DES Hazardous Waste Remediation Bureau. These are the Manchester airport, tanker spills when foam

The Saint-Gobain factory coats textiles with PFAS containing emulsions. Wet fabric goes into ovens and the fabric and chemicals are heated with the exhaust from the heating process going out through smokestacks over the Merrimack River and eventually reaching Londonderry, Marts added.

With rain PFAS are washed into the soil and work their way to where they get to the groundwater table and these compounds can be drawn into water supply wells.

By July 30, Saint-Gob-

ain is required to install air emission control equipment at the Merrimack facility.

For many years Londonderry has had a groundwater sampling program for a subset of wells across the town and had them analyzed for different natural and man-made compounds. That now includes PFAS with some residents doing their own well sampling.

Public water supplies must do testing for PFAS, noted Brandon Kernen, administrator at the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau. In Londonderry standalone water systems have developments using a local source of water or well for their water supply.

The town has 23 community water systems that have to monitor for PFAS and four non-community water systems serving those not living on site that also must do so, he said. The state has lowered its standard for arsenic and is adopting standards for manganese that could affect water systems.

Additional information on well testing and treatment can be found on the NHDES webpage at: www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/.



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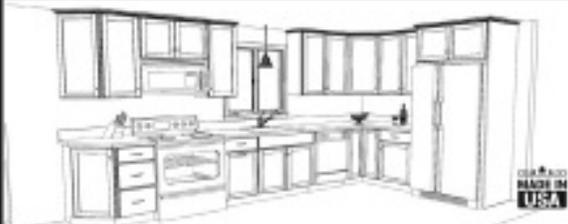
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Londonderry School Board Increases Substitutes Pay

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board held its bi-monthly school board meeting on May 18.

During the meeting one of the main topics that was discussed was in regards to the substitute rate of pay for custodians, support staff, and dining services staff.

The topic came up after the school board during the last meeting approved an increase for substitute teachers pay.

For the custodians Laliberte explained that the substitute pay actually decreased at one point.

“At one point many years ago, substitute pay was set at \$10 per hour for this group. At one point, that was re-

duced to \$8 per hour as a cost savings measure,” Londonderry Superintendent Scott Laliberte, wrote in a memo to the school board.

His proposal was to raise the substitute custodian pay to \$10 per hour.

“Our first thought as we look for the simple solution would be that restoring that rate would put us in a position where we’re a little more competitive with surrounding districts,” he said.

As part of coming to the decision to propose it Laliberte said that they did research about what other surrounding school districts pay for substitute custodians.

“It’s very difficult to compare apples to apples because different school districts pay their sub-

stitutes differently. Some pay hourly, others pay daily,” he said. “What we did is basically we arrived at the conclusion that 10 dollars per hour would put us back into that kind’ve competitive position.”

Also during the meeting Laliberte proposed that they increase the substitute rate of pay for support staff to \$10 per hour.

“Similarly, we would recommend a base substitute rate of \$10 per hour for our substitutes in Support Staff roles. The current rate is \$8.50 per hour, which has been in place for many years. This increase would bring us closer to many of the other surrounding communities as well as with other

employers in the area,” he wrote in a memo to the school board.

Based on the amount of hours they had for substitute support staff in 2019 the anticipated impact on the budget would be \$8,628 per year with the increase.

The same proposal was also made by Laliberte for dining services staff.

“At present, Dining Services substitutes are paid at \$8 per hour, and are very difficult to find. We propose that the rate be increased to the same \$10 per hour rate as the other two areas in order to remain competitive and consistent,” he wrote in a memo.

The anticipated budget impact would be \$678 per year with the

increase.

Laliberte explained that the projected budget impact is based on the amount of hours they paid for substitutes in 2019.

“It just gives you a projection. It’s certainly not a solid number but that gives you an idea of what an average year may look like.”

Londonderry School Board Chair Michael Saucier said that the proposals were fair.

“It seems reasonable to go back to that number. It doesn’t seem like big dollars compared to the others and it kind’ve keeps pace a bit with the raise we did with the substitute teachers,” he said.

The school board ultimately approved the substitute custodians,

support staff, and dining services pay to \$10. The vote was 5-0.

Like with the substitute teacher raises Saucier said that the school board could review the raises in the fall in case they think that it’s not working out.

In personnel news the School Board accepted the resignations of Laura Castellano, Dining Services at Londonderry Middle School, Alex Cummings, a special education assistant at Londonderry High School, Jennifer Gilman, a special education assistant at Moose Hill Elementary School, and Matthew Thornton Assistant Principal William McCarthy.

The next Londonderry School Board meeting is slated for June 8 at 7 p.m.

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Editorial

It Is Time to think About Lyme Disease

Are you like me? You enjoy outdoor quality of life, to have a relationship with the outdoors this has all changed since having Lyme disease.

I still love the outdoors, but I check for ticks every time I go outside.

Ticks can be found almost every month of the year, one should be especially aware of the risk of tick bites from early spring until late fall.

If you find a tick attached remove it as soon as possible. You should put the tick into a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel and mark the date and the person who was bitten on the bag. Then, the tick can be identified by someone knowledgeable in tick appearance or be sent to a lab to see if it was a carrier of Lyme disease or other infections such as Bartonella, Ehrlichia, Babesia or Anaplasma.

Most people feel that you need to have a bull's eye rash (erythema migrans rash) to develop to be diagnosis with Lyme disease Not True, but rather have an even red appearance across the entire area.

Typically when a person first contracts Lyme disease, he or she will develop flu-like symptoms about 7 to 21 days after the tick bite. However, this is not necessarily the case. Sometimes the onset is quite insidious and may take years to show.

Lyme disease can spread to most organ systems, including the heart and the central nervous system. More than a decade ago,

Syphilis was nick named "the great masquerader" since it could develop symptoms that mimicked most any other disease. Today, Lyme disease is the great masquerader, since it may appear to be like other illnesses, like cardiac arrhythmias causing sudden death, neurologic symptoms that often appear like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease.

There is often a buzzing or tingling sensation of the skin, burning neurologic pain, and a great amount of joint pain, muscle pain and incredible muscle stiffness. A lot of "brain fog" resulting in poor memory, difficulty with language skills and even out right dementia, chronic sinus infections, migraines, Lyme rage as well. I do not have the space to go on as what it can look like.

As with most diseases the best "treatment" is prevention. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make them tick resistant. DEET, Lemon Eucalyptus Oil to name a few, can be used as insect repellent for the skin. Wearing light clothing makes it easier for you to spot ticks. Clothes should be put in a dryer for 10 minutes on high heat after coming in from outside to kill ticks. Tucking pants into socks can prevent the ticks from climbing up the leg.

Enjoy the outdoors and protect yourself from Lyme disease by taking preventative measures from tick bites and seek treatment if necessary.

Letters

Are You Gladys Kravitz?

To the editor,
Raise your hand if you remember Gladys Kravitz, the busybody neighbor in the old Bewitched series. She was really funny, and what generated the laughs was her over-the-top nosiness. It was, quite literally, ridiculous. As I thought about her today, I wondered: how many people would even understand that kind of humor today?

It seems the unholy alliance of COVID-19 and social media has begotten an army of Gladys Kravitzes, all craning their necks to catch their neighbors misbehaving. I may not be old enough to have watched Bewitched when it first aired, but I am old enough to recall a time when it was considered rude to pry into another person's medical history. I'm old-fashioned enough to have been taught "don't judge a book by its cover," and I clearly remember teaching my children not to make rash assumptions about other peoples' behavior. How is it suddenly acceptable to intrude on our neighbors' private decisions, to opine as if your viewpoint rules the day, or to cast uncharitable judgment on others?

What a lot of people need right now is a giant dose of MYOB. You be in charge of you; that's your zone. In my opinion, for all it's worth, the world would quickly become a happier place.

Laura El-Azem
Londonderry

Thank You Deb and Chris

To the editor,
I absolutely love the Londonderry Times. It is an excellent hometown newspaper.

Deb and Chris make a great team.

Chris's photos of students at the finish lines, getting a basket or a field goal are great.

I am flabbergasted that it's free, but I guess the advertising pays for that.

I read it all and find sales, events, and news happenings that I would never know about otherwise.

Thank you for a great job!

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Carol Filicicchia
Londonderry

What the People Think

To the editor,

According to a poll conducted by Competitive Edge, here is what some people (by name or their social media alias) said in response to a School Board's promoting Critical Race Theory that is rooted in Marxism.

Amanda Silvestri said, "Equity, as you are calling it, is a political view and it is racist. None of this despicable, political, racist nonsense should be pushed on innocent children and has absolutely no business being taught in schools."

SaveEnergy Guy explained "Equality and equity are not the same thing...One is based on equal opportunity to succeed (or fail), while equity is outcomes, regardless of effort or ability. Equality is legal, equity created by changing the

rules violates federal law. It's really that simple."

Amethystsky said, "There is a hug difference between equality (of opportunity) and equity (of outcome). In this country, all people re born with the equal opportunity to try to succeed. But all people are not born equal. Different people have different talents. Some people excel at sports, some in the arts, some in the sciences. It's up to each individual to determine where their talents are and then apply themselves to get ahead or not get ahead in that field based upon their personal endeavors. You can't fairly make all the outcomes equal, because work ethic and drive enter into the mix."

Irritatevoter said, "Equality means everyone gets graded on the same scale, gets taught the same curriculum. Those that excel should be recognized, not punished. Schools should not advance political nor social agendas. The purpose of a school is education. Unfortunately, lately education is being replaced with indoctrination. 1984 and The Animal Farm were warnings, not how-to guides."

A recent poll revealed 74% of the people in the US don't want racism taught in any form, e.g., American History, Civic studies, Social Studies, or in any class. Erryaqui said, "The primary purpose of any primary and secondary school, public or private is to teach students how to read, write, perform arithmetical and mathematical functions, provide a basic understanding in the sciences, introduce

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Water

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has a \$50 million appropriation, is designed for water systems facing a major treatment upgrade or wanting to interconnect with an adjoining public water system due to PFAS in wells or in a water supply.

Another program is the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. The fund consists of the Consolidation Study Assistance Program www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-dwg-trust/?pageid=1675 and Special Projects Assistance Program www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-dwg-trust/?pageid=1424.

As of the end of 2020, \$153 million was avail-

able under it for low-interest loans and grants for any size public water systems, municipalities, or any political subdivision in the state.

The DWGTF is overseen by an advisory commission which makes funding decisions addressing contamination and study assistance. DES administers awards of grants and loans to entities for projects.

Among other programs is one for PFAS Treatment Design Services. Currently it has \$800,000 appropriated for various types of water systems as well as for all schools and child care centers affected by PFAS.

Reimbursement is made up to 26 percent of a total project cost. This

assistance is for studies to assist with treatment, design, or infrastructure projects.

Additionally, the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund focuses on small community water systems serving populations of up to 1,000. Earlier this year a proposal was presented to the advisory commission for a \$200,000 appropriation to administer the consolidation feasibility study assistance program.

This grant program,

which functions on a first come first serve basis, can address PFAS, arsenic, manganese, a dry well, or a water line extension. The recipient receives a \$10,000 grant to develop a feasible long-term solution or future decisions for the issue at hand. It doesn't cover infrastructure or construction.

The special projects assistance program accepts applications at any time for grants and loans to deal with water system contamination.

Lisa Drabik, London-

derry assistant town manager, also noted the town continues to study PFAS and provide guidance to residents about options. It is hosting an information workshop June 17 at Londonderry High School with testing and mitigation vendors and DES present to answer questions.

The town plans to apply for a grant through the trust fund in hopes of offering a rebate of possibly up to \$500 to each homeowner whose wells

have tested in excess of PFAS standards. Citizens could then take action on their own based on well results.

Holmes and Amy Rousseau, PFAS response administrator at DES, are overseeing the state programs. Holmes concentrates more broadly on the trust fund for water systems and Rousseau focuses on PFAS. They can be reached at erin.holmes@des.nh.gov and at amy.rousseau@des.nh.gov.

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the students to classic literature, and provide an unbiased recitation of history. Schools ARE NOT supposed (to) mold character, instill a system of moral values contrary to those of the parent(s) or provide populist indoctrination.”

If New Hampshire educators truly believe that our school system is “systemically racist” and must be reinvented by teaching a racist Marxist ideology, they themselves should resign; because they are essentially saying on their watch they allowed racism and now believe more racism is the solution.

Janet Griffin
Londonderry

Critical Race Theory

To the editor,
I read the CRT proposals in Mr. Jim Green’s letter in last week’s Londonderry Times. In spite of reading the proposals three times, I came away with the thought that despite the high-flying verbiage of the CRT proposals, painting lipstick on a pig still makes it a pig. In my previous corporate life, I wrote many product marketing brochures and know that one can write glowing words about a product, but no matter how you cloak the product, the product in reality may be quite different. That’s what CRT is; misdirection and misinformation. It is another attempt by Dems to control our

lives through social engineering starting at the early ages of our kids. To subject white kids to racist theories at such a young and impressionable age may well create thoughts that they are less than what and who they are and that they owe blacks and other minorities. Blacks and other minority kids may very well begin to think that whites and America owes them which in itself is racist and may defeat the motivation to achieve. I fully endorse teaching history of accomplishments and contributions to America’s greatness by all minorities. The question in teaching CRT is how to do it without negatively impacting both black, white and other minority kid’s perception of themselves. There’s rhetoric in the various proposals such as “Projects that Incorporate Racially, Ethnically, Culturally, and Linguistically Diverse Perspectives into Teaching and Learning.”

Does this mean that teachers are to teach that blacks and other minorities are different than whites other than color? That in itself is racist. Are teachers trained to teach these differences if indeed there are differences? I have a wonderful daughter-in-law who is a teacher who states that this is a lot of stress and responsibility to place on teacher’s shoulders that they did not ask for when entering the teaching profession or are trained for. Then there’s the proposal of “Understanding their (white kids) own biases when reviewing information, as well as uncovering and recognizing bias in primary and secondary sources;”. The implication here is that white kids and America are inherently racist and white kids need to recognize and accept that they are racist merely because they are white. This is shameful and only creates the stigma I alluded to previously. How does

a teacher teach or tell a white kid that he/she is inherently a racist; or that black and other minority kids are owed something because they are ethnically, culturally and linguistically different and have been discriminated just because they are different? That’s not a teacher’s skill set. A kid’s perceptions of the world, the equality of all races and the motivation to accomplishment is the parent’s responsibility; not teachers. Teachers can plant seeds to accomplishment through instilling motivation to learn and progress to a good life, but teachers should do what they were trained to do when they entered the teaching profession; teach the three Rs of Reading, (w)Riting and (A)Rithmetic; not social engineering.

Bob Pitre
Londonderry

Federal Government Spending Craze

To the editor,
The Biden Administration along with Congress are on a spending craze which will continue annual deficits of over \$1 trillion.

The \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 stimulus bill

enacted in March and the previous COVID-19 stimulus bill in 2020 were necessary to combat the adverse impact of the pandemic.

The \$2.2 trillion infrastructure program proposed by the administration is highly bloated with non-infrastructure elements. It should be restricted to repairing roads, replacing bridges and expanding broadband. This could reduce the infrastructure package to well below \$1 trillion.

Biden’s “American Families Plan” of \$1.8 trillion includes funds for child care, family and medical leave, universal pre-k, and free community college. It should be postponed and looked at some time in the future.

As an aside, the current extra \$300 per week in federal unemployment compensation should be discontinued by the states. It is keeping people from entering the work force and significantly hurting companies and businesses who need employees.

The current administration’s spending spree has to be curtailed, and they need to effectively and efficiently prioritize and target their spending.

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TIF

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Bielinski came up to voice his concerns to the board and said the TIF would act as “welfare for the rich.”

“I think you need to look long and hard at what the taxpayers are paying for,” Bielinski said. “I don’t understand why we keep putting tax-

payer money into private development.”

Resident Ray Breslin also raised some concerns to the council.

Breslin said that he was frustrated because he is having a hard time getting a real answer about what the project is going to cost the town.

“We have a right to know what the cost of this is whether the tax-

payers of Londonderry are paying for it or not,” Breslin said.

Another resident, Kristine Perez said she is in favor of the TIF District.

“I just see it as a win win if we can collect taxes in a short period of time,” Perez said. “We need to do something about our taxes so that’s just my two cents.”

According to Coun-

cilor Tom Dolan, the purpose of the District is to accelerate the process of the development. The developer will still make the project happen without the TIF District, but it will take longer. If the town agrees to the Tax Increment Financing Plan, Dolan said that it will make the project happen faster.

If the infrastructure is developed within a shorter period of time, Dolan said the town will be able to collect more taxes from the developers over time resulting in higher tax revenue.

“With the help of the community we can start collecting those taxes from the business in year three instead of year five,” Dolan said.

Despite the plan’s intention to not negatively impact taxpayers, one resident said he is not confident that Londonderry residents will not be poorly impacted.

“The tax money is going to come back when it’s developed and we’re not gonna see that taxpayer money back until the property is occupied,” the resident said. “I’m not sure why

we have to do the TIF district just because the developer asked us to do it.”

Councilor Deb Paul was also not in full agreement with the Resolution and wanted more time to discuss the plan.

“I understand what you’re doing,” Paul said. “I don’t think there’s a huge rush for this but whatever.”

The Council voted to carry the Resolution with a 4-1 vote. Paul voted no on the issue while the rest of the council approved.

Historical Society and Symphony NH will Host Summer Concerts

The Londonderry Historical Society and Symphony NH will partner again this year to bring a series of concerts on the Morrison House grounds, 140 Pillsbury Rd. Tickets are on sale now for the initial concert and for the three-concert series.

The first performance, Strings Serenade, will take place Saturday June 5 at 4 p.m. Additional concerts are scheduled for July 7 (Brass in the Barn) and Aug. 14 (Woodwind Quintet).

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cert or \$20 for the series. LHS members may purchase tickets at half price. People may purchase tickets online at www.londonderryhistory.org. If you prefer to purchase your ticket offline with cash or check, please contact: sales@londonderryhistory.org or Linda Green at 860-428-4419. Please contact info@londonderryhistory.org with any questions about the event.

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Zoning

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in. There he has a well and pool.

The property has a 150-foot frontage lot line, Curran said, and the remaining 134 feet would continue to be unobstructed.

Some board members expressed concern over the shed being in front despite the likely need for a well truck to get to the rear of the property. Curran said the shed will face sideways with a wall height not to exceed seven feet.

The board approved his request on a 3-to-2 vote.

It next heard a variance request to build a

single family dwelling on a lot with no frontage at One Ron's Way (Map 10, Lot 74), zoned AR-1. The property is on the Derry line and the purpose is to complete construction of the home.

Robert Balquist, engineering technician with Meisner Brem Corp., representing the property owner and applicant, Ron Morrissey of Summit Construction and Design, told the board this is a new variance to allow completion of the house on a lot with no street frontage on a town approved road.

The lot is a landlocked property surrounded by other single family homes. Morrissey's intention is to sell the house once finished.

Balquist said no septic system is within 100 feet of the proposed well location. A private well and septic system are required there.

Vice Chair Jacqueline Benard noted this project was dealt with in 2017 with a variance then that expired as the home construction was unfinished. Morrissey started the construction thinking he'd tie into the water and sewer system before realizing the cost.

The board approved the variance with the condition that a needed easement deed providing access to Cedar Street in Derry be recorded with the Rockingham County Register of Deeds.

In another variance

request to encroach seven feet into the 15-foot side setback to build a garage, at 16 Teton Drive (Map 11, Lot 20-105), zoned Ar-1, owner and applicant Kenneth Saunders said this would be for personal vehicles and not for commercial or business purposes. The state owns the nearly 82-foot adjoining lot to his.

A point not included in his request, however, that Benard termed "a discrepancy" was his plan to build a large room above the garage. But this room wouldn't change the requested encroachment the board approved it.

Another variance request was to allow chickens on a 1.10-acre lot where two acres are required, at Two Priscilla Lane (Map 2, Lot 27-25). The applicant, Olivia Pucciarelli, said she would have only two chickens in an enclosed coop on the property for

personal use.

The chickens would not roam and there would be no rooster or tall structures, she told the board. The coop would be located in a side portion of the yard. Betty Lane, a side road, is nearest to where the coop would be.

Even with it being a corner lot near woods and the coop being hidden by yard trees and shrubbery, some on the board observed the land did not have the distinguishing feature of being next to a conservation area or a more open property.

Member Mitchell Feig said the town needs to look again at the use of property regarding acreage and the lack of a formula for certain live stock safety. He was the lone dissenting vote in the 4-to-1 approval.

In addition, the board approved one requested special exception. It was for a

portable storage structure in the AR-1 district at 28 Auburn Road (Map 16, Lot 58). Applicant Dale Gagnon took over the lease of a container on the property last January to store household items.

The container would be allowed to remain for two years or until Gagnon vacated the property.

The board continued consideration of another special exception request for a portable storage structure in the AR-1 district, at 136 Pillsbury Road (Map 6, Lot 18-2). The owner and applicant is Orchard Christian Fellowship Church.

The church realized it couldn't meet all the exception's conditions. The structure is larger than what new zoning allows. Because the church must seek a variance to terms of the exception, it will be taken up at the July 21 meeting.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Boys Track Team Tops Four Team Meet at Home

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Track Teams hosted a meet with teams from Pinkerton, Trinity and Alvirne on Saturday, May 22, and the Boys team continued their season of successes by taking the top spot with the girls team finishing third.

With that success, running standout Matt Griffin was able to beat the Londonderry High School record in the 800-Meter with a first place time of 1:53.35.

As a team, the Lancer boys scored 59 points for the first place spot, Pinkerton was second with 47 and Alvirne



Sophia Hagymas

scored 30 for third.

On the girls side, Pinkerton won with 74 points; Alvirne took second with 38 and LHS finished in third with 25 points.

In the 100-Meter

Dash, Andrew Kullman was the top LHS finisher at second with a time of 11.49. Anthony Amaro finished fourth at 11.81.

In the 200-Meter, Sam Street took second at 24.07 and Amaro was third with 24.70.

As previously mentioned, Griffin was just under two seconds ahead of Pinkerton's Stephen Connelly for a new Lancer record in the 800-Meter at 1:53.35. Connelly also beat his school's record with that time. Sean Clegg finished in third with a time 2:02.58.

In the 3,200-Meter Run, Lancer Ryan Young took second at 9:59.46 and Ryan Fortin was third at 10:12.31.

In the 110-Meter Hurdles, Colby Ramshaw was first at 17.11 and his teammate Jaydon Navarro was third (19.76).

In the 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles, Colby Lynch took second place with a time of 48.21.

In the boy's 4x100-Meter Relay, the LHS team of Amaro, Street, Ramshaw and Kullman finished in first with a time of 45.51.

The 4x400 Relay win also went to Londonderry, with Young, Tyler Kraft, Clegg and Griffin getting a time of 3:35.98

Andrew Kullman (6'3") and Jake Schena

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Matt Griffin, left beat the LHS record in the 800-Meter with a first place time of 1:53.35.

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Lancer Baseball Pick Up Two but Drop One Last Week

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Baseball squad dropped just its third game this season, but then bounced back with two wins as the regular season begins to wrap up.

Last week started with what seemed to be an easy win as the Lancers built up an eight run lead in the first three innings against the Alvirne Broncos on Monday, May 17, only to see that lead evaporate in the final inning for a tough 10-9 loss.

The Lancers wound

up nearly exhausting their pitching staff in the game with five pitchers taking the mound and despite having 12 hits in the game, couldn't finish things out at Lancer Park.

Zach Smith started the game and pitched three and a third innings allow three runs on four hits and striking out five.

Runs started early for LHS, with three runs in the second followed by five in the third to mount what seemed to be a comfortable 8-0 lead.

The Broncos got three back in the top of the fourth, but London-

derry added another in the bottom of the inning.

Trailing 9-3 to start the fifth, the Broncos scored seven unanswered runs in the last three innings for the comeback win.

Lancer newcomer Johan Pena hit a triple in the game, while Brandon Fish, Aiden Washington and Smith all had doubles in the loss.

Five Lancer pitchers had nine strikeouts and eight walks in the game, giving up 11 hits and nine earned runs.

Two days later, when the LHS team traveled to Hudson for the second game of the week, the Lancers kept the Broncos to one run and scored five times for the 5-1 win.

Owen MacDonnell started on the mound and had 11 strikeouts with just five hits for the victory. Ryan Killelea finished the game, pitching one hitless inning with two strikeouts.

Brandon Fish started the scoring as the second batter in the game, smashing a homerun to center field in the first inning.

The Lancers scored two times in the fourth and another two in the fifth and finished with seven hits in the game.

Fish went 3-3 in the game, with Zach Rheault and Smith both hitting doubles in the victory.

The week wrapped up on Thursday, May 20, with Londonderry playing in Nashua against Bishop Guertin where the LHS squad got its 13th win of the season in a seven run shutout.

Junior starting pitcher Connor Fennell pitched the entire game, striking out five, walking just one and allowing only three hits in the 7-0 win.

The Londonderry offense combined for 12 hits in the game with Fish and MacDonnell both hitting doubles.

The Lancers will have two games against their Pinkerton Academy rivals and one against Winnacunnet this week to finish the regular season.



Senior Zach Smith connects at the plate in a recent game. Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of May 17



Sophie Hagymas
Senior, Track & Field

Hagymas scored a personal record and first place in the pole vault over the weekend, making her the number one seed in that event in the state



Matt Griffin
Senior, Track & Field

Matt won the 800-meter run in 1:53.35 on Saturday against Pinkerton and established a new school record for the event. The previous record was held by John Mortimer.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department

Track

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(5'4") took first and second in the High Jump.

In the Pole Vault, Donovan Gannon finished in second at 8-feet, while Patrick O'Connor and Kevin Plakyda shared third at 7'6".

In the Triple Jump, Gannon finished in first with a leap of 38'4".

Lancer Freshman Jaydon Navarro was first in Shot Put at 39'7.5".

In the Discus, Londonderry's Zach Lind-

holm finished in third with a throw of 97'2".

The Lancer Girls team also had some successes in the final home meet of the season.

Senior Erica Waters placed second in the 200-Meter Dash with a time of 28.06.

LHS junior Grace McDonough took first in the 800-Meter Run with a time of 2:26.16.

In the 1,600-Meter, Maura O'Shaughnessy was second (6:23.97) and Adranna Nadeau was third (6:43.44).

LHS senior Nikki Longua took second in

the 100-Meter Hurdles with a time of 17.27.

O'Shaughnessy finished in third in the 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles with a time of 56.69.

Senior Sophie Hagymas had a personal best and took first in the Pole Vault at 10-feet and Marline Fitzgerald was second at 7-feet.

In the Long Jump, Waters finished in third with a jump of 14'3.75".

Lancer junior Lauren Ponto finished the Discus in third with a throw of 88'9".



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Lady Lancer Lax Squad Drop Two Against Souhegan

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Lacrosse team had a difficult time against a very good Souhegan High School lax squad in two games last week.

The Lady Lancers came up just a point shy

in their first meeting and five goals back in the second, dropping two as the prepare for the final week of the regular season.

In the first game, held at Londonderry High School on Tuesday, May 17, the Lady Sabers were able to get on the board

early and take a two goal advantage to start the game, but the Lady Lancers kept pace and were able to lead the game as they hit the halfway mark 8-6.

Goals by juniors Caroline Leone and Tara Wright heading out of the half had the Londonderry

squad liking their chances for a third consecutive win as the stared the second half. Wright's goal came with just six seconds left on the clock.

In the later half of the game though, the home squad was not able to keep pace with their Amherst visitors and were outscored 5-2 and dropped the tight contest 11-10.

Despite some key saves throughout the game from senior goalie Riley Walter the team suffered its sixth loss of the season.

Leone scored three goals in the game and Wright had two, one to open the game and one to finish the half.

Senior Emily Cowette

also contributed two goals in the effort.

Izzy Augusta, Kiara Edmunds and Lilah Melia each had one goal.

The second game between the two teams was not nearly as close, and despite a good run in the second half, the Lancers were not able to catch the Lady Sabers and wound up losing 12-7.

Londonderry senior Jenna Stowell scored the only goal for the Lady Lancers in the first half of the contest and that took place on Thursday, May 19, in Amherst.

Trialing 7-1 heading into the second half, Londonderry was able to muster six additional goals, but were never able to catch their opponents and ended up with

a second consecutive loss, finishing the game 12-7.

Stowell had three goals and an assist to lead her team in points with Edmunds adding two goals.

Cowette and Leone both had a goal in the game.

The Lady Lancers headed into the last week of the regular season with a 9-7 record and with two games against Pinkerton Academy who have only lost three games this year.

They will then head into they Division I playoffs with a home game against the Salem High School Lady Blue Devils on Monday, May 31.

Salem has only won two games this season.

Lady Lancer Tennis Team Heads Into Division One Tournament

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Tennis team finished their final week of the regular season with a tough four match stretch, dropping all four and leaving the Lady Lancers at 2-12 heading into the Division I tournament.

The Londonderry team finished the season

with two games against Alvirne High School, a game against the Goffstown Lady Grizzlies and a match with the Lady Astros to finish the season.

At Alvirne, on Monday, May 17, the team lost 2-7.

The following day, playing at home against Goffstown the result was the same, a 2-7 defeat to the Lady Grizzlies.

On Wednesday, May 19, the Lady Lancers had a close 4-5 loss to the Lady Broncos from Hudson at home and the season wrapped up with a tough 1-8 defeat to the Lady Astros from Pinkerton Academy.

The Lancer girls will now head into the Division I Tournament with a match against Salem High School on Friday, May 28.

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Lady Lancer Softball Squad Adds Two More Victories

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Softball squad was

very productive last week and added two more tallies to the win column as they headed into the final week of the

season against the rival Pinkerton Academy team to end the regular season.

The Lady Lancers faces the Alvirne Lady Broncos last week and ended up outscoring that opponent 14-5 in two games.

In the first contest between the team's, on Monday, May 17, Londonderry traveled to Hudson and beat Alvirne 10-5 by delivering 12 hits at the plate and strong late-inning pitching.

Lady Lancer sophomore pitcher Lauren Laudani got the start in the game and went four innings with six strikeouts and two walks and four hits for the win. She gave up three runs before reliever Olivia Cutuli came in for the final three innings. Cutuli also struck out six and walked two and

allowed just two runs for the save.

Freshman Cutuli and junior Olivia Chau both had doubles in the effort.

Offensively, the Lady Lancers had a total of 12 hits for the win and struck out seven times.

In the second game against Alvirne, Londonderry jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first and never looked back for the eventual 4-0 shutout victory.

Sophomore Mya Gaspie got the win, pitching three innings with Cutuli

finishing up with four strong innings.

Gaspie only allowed one hit, striking out two and walking three. Cutuli allowed two hits and two walks and struck out six for the second consecutive game.

Samantha Minton got the Lancers on the board in the first inning by reaching on an infield error by an Alvirne infielder and getting a runner home with two out.

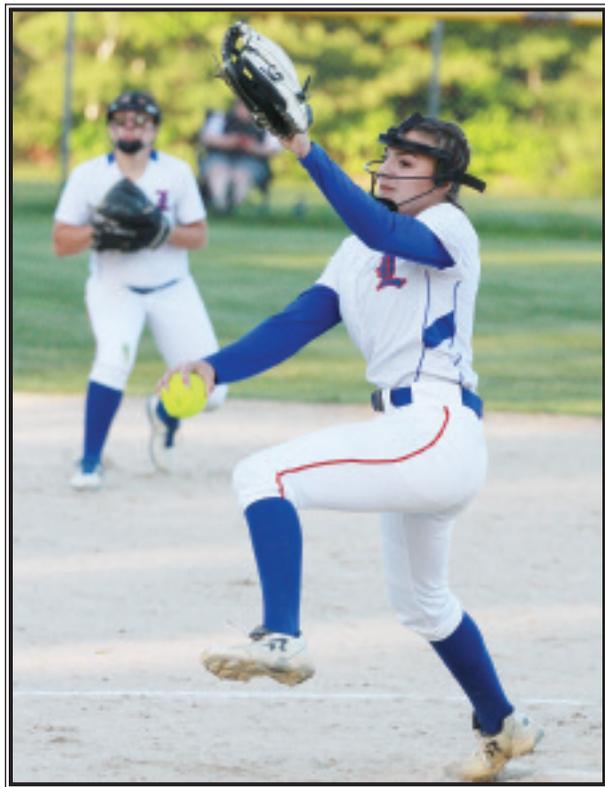
Gaspie then drove in the second run with a single to center field.

The Lady Lancers

added two more runs in the fourth inning with two out. Another costly error was responsible for two runners to advance to home on a hard ground ball by Makenna True.

Overall, the Lady Lancers got seven hits and struck out just four times.

The team will now take their 11-4 record into the final week of the regular season and are scheduled to face the Pinkerton Astros for two games and then finish up with a game against the Winnacunnett Warriors.



Freshman Olivia Cutuli in the pitchers circle.

Lancer Boys Lax Pick Up Win

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse squad was only on the field for one game last week as they played the Souhegan High School Sabers for one contest in Amherst and then had the second game, which would have been played

in Londonderry, cancelled.

In the Lancers game on the road on Tuesday, May 17, the LHS squad returned home with a 20-8 lopsided victory.

The win was the eighth victory of the season for the Lancers and they will head into the final week of the season with a 8-4 record.

The Londonderry squad will wrap up the regular season with two games against Pinkerton Academy on Tuesday and Thursday.

Pinkerton has also lost four games this season. Those losses were to Exeter and Bishop Guertin, the same teams Londonderry has lost to.



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Plant Sale

Green Team's 1st plant sale will be held at the Londonderry Lions Club Pavilion on June 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All plants are local-

ly grown, dug and potted by members of the Green team. The plant sale is fundraisers for the team and all proceeds benefit the Londonderry community. As an added "plant

sale extra" this year there will be a 2 Master Gardeners at the sale to answer any questions.

Memorial Day Parade

On Monday, May 31, at

11 a.m., American Legion Post 27 in conjunction with the town of Londonderry will be holding a Memorial Day parade. The parade will begin at the high school and then proceed to the Holy Cross cemetery to lay a wreath on the grave of Private First Class Verne Greely, USMC who was killed in Vietnam in 1967. The parade will then move to the town common for a ceremony to honor all those who have died serving our nation. All veterans and not just members of Post 27 are invited to march. Anyone wishing to participate please muster

at the traffic light on Robert Lincoln Way by 10:45 a.m. After the ceremony there will be an open house and cookout at Post 27.

Unserviceable Flags

Unserviceable American flags can be dropped off at American Legion Post 27 (6 Sargent Rd) between noon and 6 p.m. daily. These will be retired during a ceremony on Flag Day, June 14 at 6 p.m.

World Wide Knit in Public Day

Come join the "Fiber Foxes of Southern NH" on Saturday June 12 and knit

(rain date Saturday, June 19). Bring your knitting/crocheting or any other fiber based project and for a day of community, conversation and fun. Due to the pandemic and to keep everyone safe we will only meet outside on the grounds of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Londonderry at 9 a.m. Come and go as you please. If it is a nice day, please bring a chair or blanket to sit on outside, and bring whatever food or beverage you desire. Please Call Karen West if you have any questions or need any help get-

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8:06 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Transportation To a Hospital from King George Drive.

10:49 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry South School.

4:04 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Kestree Drive.

8:03 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Mammoth Road.

9:24 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Structure Fire on Angelo Lane.

9:39 p.m. Report of a Prowler investigated on Fairway Road.

10:40 p.m. Peace restored during Juvenile Offenses on Midridge Circle.

Tuesday - May 18
9:21 a.m. Drug Offenses reported at Planet Fitness on Orchard View Drive.

12:37 p.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Disturbance at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

2:24 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on King Arthur Drive.

3:23 p.m. Missing Person taken to Family/Guardian/other on Gregg Circle.

4 p.m. Services rendered fir Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Berkshire Lane.

4:43 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Whittemore Road at Mammoth Road.

6:15 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat Transported To Hospital by four officers from Londonderry Police Department.

7:46 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Litchfield Road.

11:06 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Raintree Drive.

Wednesday - May 19
5:59 a.m. Assisted other of Police Department with services at MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

9:04 a.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Disturbance on Holton Circle.

9:21 a.m. Peace restored assisting a citizen by three officers on Gregg Circle.

9:53 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on South Road.

11:34 a.m. Medical Emergency investigated on Willow Lane.

1:22 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Sanborn Road.

Thursday - May 20
8:29 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Snowberry Highway.

9:32 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Willow Lane.

3:47 p.m. Welfare Check performed by five officers results in an arrest at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road. Kristen Leonard, 39, of Allenstown charged with a Violation of a Protective Order.

8:01 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest on Bartley Hill Road. Three officers assist with charging Rita Sherman, 52, of Londonderry with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact).

8:16 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Nashua Road.

11:12 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Bartley Hill Road.

Friday - May 21
7:33 a.m. Services Rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Olde Country Village Road.

10:57 a.m. Welfare Check investigated on MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

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Around Town

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Republicans Meeting

The Londonderry Republicans will be meeting on June 17, from 7 - 8 p.m., at Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd. Since the group has outgrown the classroom where the meetings are usually held, starting June 17 enter through the main entrance to reach the new meeting area. Last but not least, reserve Thursday, July 15, on your calendars for LRC's Family Fun Summer BBQ. More information on this event coming soon. Questions? Contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas (603) 437-6090, eathomas@comcast.net

Tennis Camp

There are currently spots available for the newly organized Londonderry Summer Tennis Camp. The two-week camp starts on July 12 and runs through July 23 and offers three pricing options. One week Tennis Basics: \$150; One Week Tennis Play and Strategy: \$150; Both Weeks: \$300. If payment is received by June 4, the prices are reduced to \$135 and \$270. The tennis camp is being run by Betty Mak and Roberta Davis. For more information contact: the.makgang@yahoo.com or davssr@comcast.net.

Voter Information

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the voter checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are send-

ing notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering. The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Londonderry will hold sessions for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, as well as accepting applications for new voter registration, requests for the correction of the checklist, and changes of political party affiliation on the following dates: Saturday, June 19, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, from 6 - 8 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Dinner on May 28 from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Lunch on May 30 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Sonshine Soup Kitchen - Will Be Serving Drive By To Go Meals On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, And Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Police Log

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12:09 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

3:41 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Constitution Drive.

5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Mammoth Road at Adams Road. Jennifer Bourassa,

38, of Manchester charged for Bench Warrants; and Driving after Revoked/Suspended License.

11:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at YMCA on Rockingham Road.

Saturday - May 22
11:04 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at The Coach Stop on Mammoth Road.

11:07 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by

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Raising another's child?

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

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tions? 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.

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/tipstotics

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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.

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."

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 sup-

port group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

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.)

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.

OBITUARY

Nancy Jane (Ward) Blackwood



Nancy Jane (Ward) Blackwood, 87, formerly of Londonderry, NH died Sunday May 23, 2021 at Riverwoods Nursing Home in Manchester, NH. Born in Hardwick, VT on Jan. 14, 1934, she was the daughter of Neil S. and Helen (Haynes) Ward. A 1952 graduate of Rutland High School, Nancy attended multiple colleges, and ultimately obtained her Masters-Plus degree from Fitchburg State University where she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Mrs. Blackwood leaves a son, Kevin Blackwood and his wife Maria of Kittery, ME; two daughters, Karen Kulakov of Londonderry, NH and Toni B. Chapman and her husband Glen, of Seabrook, NH; six grandchildren, Rico and Lucia Blackwood, Daniel Farnham, Sarah Brangwynne, Christopher Chapman and Tracy Chase, as well as seven great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Carolyn Wallace and her brother Dick Ward.

The Family would also like to give a special Thank you to the nurses and Staff of Riverwoods Nursing home for their extraordinary loving care of Mrs. Blackwood.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, May 26, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Londonderry. Funeral services will be held on Thursday May 27 at 11 a.m., in the funeral home. All are welcome to gather from 10 - 11 a.m., in the funeral home prior to the service. At the family's request, it is suggested that those in attendance wear face masks and maintain social distancing while in the funeral home. Burial will be on Tuesday June 1, at 11 a.m., in the Main Street Cemetery, Hardwick, VT. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452, www.alz.org or to Smile Train on Nancy's behalf at smiletrain.org. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

three officers on King Arthur Drive.

4:26 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation at Convenient MD Urgent Care on Nashua Road.

4:53 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Whittemore Road.

Sunday - May 23
12:01 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

10:44 p.m. Shooting Com-

plaint investigated on Wiley Hill Road at Tanager Way.

2:37 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Valley Street.

4:19 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Hunter Blvd.

7:47 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Wilshire Drive.

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