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Water Expo

Residents gathered at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria last week for ideas on how to best deal with the water problems many citizens are facing in town. The event was a Vendor Fair organized by the PFAS Task Force and gave people a chance to see what choices they have with water contamination.

Photo by Chris Paul

Volunteers Needed To Fill Board & Committee Seats

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over the past few weeks, there are a number of Londonderry board and committee openings that have become available to the residents in town.

The only requirement in applying for these

positions is that applicants must be a resident of the town of Londonderry.

The application deadline for any of the positions listed below is Friday, July 9, at 4 p.m.

Budget Committee
The town's Budget

Committee needs to fill a single, three-year, full-time position with the term expiring in March of 2022.

The Londonderry Budget Committee consists of seven members who are usually elected to three-year staggered terms. **continued on page 10**

Residents Continue Criticism of School Board Decisions

KAITLIN BEDELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry residents once again came before the School Board at their latest meeting on June 22 to continue to express their disagreement with the board's handling of mask requirements in schools.

Since the June 8 meeting, when residents came before the Board in protest of the then existing mask mandate in schools, the requirement was lifted as masks became optional on June 10.

"I am glad that public health keeps on updating its approach and follows the science to keep our students, their families, and staff safe," Assistant Superintendent Dan Black said. "I am glad we have reached a point of safety where we can lessen our mitigation strategies."

Parents who attended the meeting were requesting the School Board to vote to amend the current reopening plan for the new school year for masks to remain optional, to establish a

task force for parents to be on, and to expand the School Board.

New Hampshire state Senator Sharon Carson spoke to the board in support of the parents who spoke.

"I've chaired a number of commissions both large and small, so I understand the position you find yourselves in, but I'm surprised at your reaction to the public," Carson said. "These people are coming to you with a problem that they see is going on with their

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Granite Ridge Tax Abatement Expected to Have Budget Impact

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As Londonderry prepares for the next budget season, Town Manager, Kevin Smith and Superintendent Scott Laliberte presented their overviews of what's ahead before the Budget Committee's June 24 meeting.

Although Smith did not give many details about it at the meeting, he divulged that because of a recent tax abatement awarded to the Granite Ridge Power Plant, there would most likely be a need to raise residential property taxes to make up for the loss. More details on this revaluation will be discussed at the next

Town Council meeting he said.

He also mentioned the fact that property reevaluations are currently being done.

The Town Council is expected to recommend a default budget once the process of consideration begins in the fall, said Smith.

When looking at personnel versus non-personnel expenses, the town is able to increase the non-personnel lines through contractual obligations in collective bargaining agreements, he noted.

However, being in a default budget means the non-personnel lines cannot be increased. Even though the town hasn't

increased those lines, the expenses have continued to go up.

Consequently, the town has been covering non-personnel costs with savings in the personnel expense line through retirements or police and fire positions not being readily filled, Smith stated. Those funds are used to cover other expenses.

Last year's budget was presented in the

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Committee Reviews Annual Capital Improvement Plan

KAITLIN BEDELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town of Londonderry has initiated the annual preparation for the Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2023 to 2028.

According to the town's website, the Planning Board is responsible

with updating a Capital Improvements Program which "aims to recognize and resolve deficiencies in existing public facilities and anticipate and plan for future demand for capital facilities."

This responsibility is given to the Planning Board under the New

Hampshire RSA 674:5 and takes place each year.

The Capital Improvement Plan reviews municipal projects and their costs over a time period of six years. These projects are reviewed and planned during all town meetings on a monthly basis.

By annually providing a plan for the town's municipal project cost the town can determine if it needs to expand facilities and services in order to meet the population and business needs of the town.

This also acts as a way to review the costs of projects done in the past.

The Capital Improvement Plan Committee contains one member from the Town Council, one member from the School Board, one member from the Budget Committee and two members of the Planning Board.

The intent of the Capital Improvement Plan is primarily to help stabilize the Town's real property tax rate, prioritize committee municipal projects, and inform the Londonderry community of future planned improvements for the town.

This year, the committee is scheduled to meet twice a week to continue to discuss and review the plan that will go into effect in 2023.

The first meeting of

the month reviews the submission of new plans which have been requested by town boards, and the second meeting looks over the continued plans from years past.

Both meetings for this month already took place on June 2 and June 9. These meetings are not typically broadcasted on the Londonderry cable network.

This year, the Capital Improvement Plan Committee is asking all departments and committees of Londonderry to submit an evaluation form of all their proposed projects throughout the six year time frame that has been indicated.

These projects include new developments, and other unanticipated costs that the town does not spend in a typical year.

According to the committee, "a capital project has been defined as those outside the normal operations and maintenance."

This can include any project with a gross cost of at least \$100,000, has a "useful" life of at least six years, is not a recurring budget item, requires bond financing, and involves land acquisition.

Once completed, the Capital Improvement Plan will be used for "deliberations" by the Town Council, Budget Committee, and School Board.

Presentations are required by any department or committee for projects costing more than \$1 million. These meetings should be scheduled with the Capital Improvement Plan Committee throughout the month of July.

OBITUARY

Paul F. MacDonald



Paul F. MacDonald, 74, passed away on Sunday June 27, 2021 while at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

Paul was born in Natick, MA on May 6, 1947; he worked in the construction industry for many years prior to his retirement. Paul was a proudly decorated Vietnam Veteran, receiving the Bronze Star Medal for his service; He was a loving son, brother, father, and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with those he loved; he enjoyed being outdoors kayaking, canoeing, and golfing; he was also an excellent woodworker.

Paul will be deeply missed by his longtime companion Sharon Hutchinson of Milford; his father Lawrence MacDonald; his daughter Michaela Smith and her husband Alexander of Londonderry, NH; his brother Steven MacDonald and his wife Susan of Holliston; his sister Janet Coutu of Webster; his two grandchildren Emily and Jack; he is also survived by nephews, nieces, relatives, and dear friends. Paul was predeceased by his mother Helen (McEwen) MacDonald.

A memorial gathering celebrating Paul's life will be held on Thursday July 1, from 4 – 6 p.m., at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shawmajercik.com where you may offer condolences, share fond memories, or light a candle in remembrance of Paul.

OBITUARY

Joseph Francois (Frank) Thibault



Joseph Francois (Frank) Thibault, 94, of Londonderry, NH, died Wednesday June 23, 2021 of natural causes with his family by his side. Loving husband of Annette Thibault for 65 years, and devoted father to

his six children. He was born in Concession, Nova Scotia, Canada on June 5, 1927, a son of the late Charles and Theresa Thibault. He was a fifty-year resident of Saugus, MA, and retired resident of Londonderry for the past 6 years.

He is survived by two sons, Paul Thibault of Billerica, MA, and Mark Thibault and his wife Denice of Londonderry; four daughters, Donna Allan and her husband Steven of Bedford, NH, Janice Hamerstrom and her husband Scott of Merrimac, MA, Carol Chiang Abdelfattah and her husband Nabil of Berkeley, CA, and Joanne Sacco and her husband Scot of Manchester, NH; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his siblings, Louie Thibault, Johnny Thibault, Agno Thibault, Rita Armstrong, and Edna Belliveau; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brothers, Nelson Thibault and Robert Thibault.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Middle School Library Gets States Outstanding Award

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the June 22 Londonderry School Board meeting, Londonderry Middle School Principal William Van Bennekum

recognized Jessica Payeur, and Caitlin Bennett, after the library was awarded the 2020 NHSLMA Outstanding Library Program Award. They were also awarded with an EDies

award during the 2019-2020 year, but the ceremony wasn't able to happen due to the pandemic.

"It's a very distinct honor to be recognized with a EDies because you stand among the best of the best in the state that year," Van Bennekum said.

Throughout the pandemic he said that they served in both remote and in person roles and continued to thrive despite facing many challenges.

"Still our media center continued to thrive, throughout the course of the year," he said.

They were recommended for the award by peers and colleagues.

Van Bennekum said that he is proud of what they are able to do at the library.

"We at Londonderry Middle School are fortunate to have an exceptional library program," he said. "Programming means much more than coming to the library checking out a book and leaving. Programming has to do with things that both Cailin and Jess do for teachers and students to support their educational experi-

ence while they are there both out of the classroom and in the classroom," he added.

Payeur humbly said that the award was possible because of the entire staff at the library.

"The award was for our whole entire program not just for Caitlyn and I, it's our entire program and we couldn't run it without everybody as a collaborative effort, so I'd like to recognize them as well," she said.

In personnel news the school board accepted the retirement of Linda Mistovich, a special education assistant at Moose Hill School.

The Board also accepted resignations from staff members including 14 special education assistants.

Jenn Ganem, the vice chair of the school board questioned why there were so many resignations from special education assistants asking if it's because of the end of the year notices that get sent out asking if they are coming back or not.

Londonderry Superintendent Scott Laliberte explained that it's not uncommon to have a

lot of resignations at the end of the year.

"It's not uncommon for us to have quite a lot of turnover at the end of the year," he said.

"I just wanted to make sure because there's an awful lot," Ganem said.

Also during the meeting the board accepted a grant from the National Foundation for Governor's Fitness Council for \$100,000 worth of brand new fitness equipment at Londonderry Middle School.

They were one of three schools in the state to be awarded the grant.

"We're really excited about it, we have a really good space," said Van Bennekum.

During the dining services report, Amanda Venezia, the director of dining services for the district, explained that district staff is recommending that the school district rejoins the National School Lunch Program at Londonderry High School.

She explained that about seven and a half years ago the school board decided to withdraw from the program at the high school

because of strict regulations that were being imposed on school districts including the maximum amount of food they were able to serve kids.

"Our kids' lunches shrunk a bit," she said.

Since then the program has changed to allow some flexibility for school districts.

She said that next year the United States Department of Agriculture is providing reimbursements for students' lunches and in order to make sure they can receive those reimbursements at all the schools they want to join the program at the high school again.

It was also pointed out by Venezia that they receive more per lunch from the reimbursements than they charge normally for the school lunches.

The board approved having Londonderry High School join the national lunch program for the 2021-2022 year.

The next school board meeting will be a special meeting on July 6 to vote on who will be on the school reopening task force.

OBITUARY

Michele Judith Villani

 Michele Judith Villani, 60, of Londonderry, NH passed away Thursday June 17, 2021 in her home. Michele was born in Springfield, MA on Oct. 20, 1960, and was raised in West Caldwell, NJ. She was a daughter of the late Ernest and Margaret (Marlowe) Gamache. She had been a resident of Londonderry since 2000, formerly living in Yardley, PA.

Michele will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend. She had a warm sense of humor and a sharp wit. Michele was a compassionate spirit who took great joy in raising and fostering cats. Her dedication to her family and friends was inspiring to all of those who knew her. Sensitive and caring, Michele had the nurturing instincts of her mother, who raised eight children, combined with the analytical intellect of her father, a mechanical engineer. Always committed to her family, her children are all proud to call her mom. Michele enjoyed spending time at The Lake with her family and friends every single summer for the last four decades. While her family grieves her loss, we wish to celebrate the joy that she brought into our lives.

Michele is survived by her husband of 40 years, Thomas S. Villani of Londonderry, one son, Dr. Thomas S. Villani, Jr. and his wife Courtney of Belle Mead, NJ, two daughters, Lisa N. Villani-Gale and her husband Dr. Alexander of Chicago, IL, and Rachel A. Silverman and her husband Leon of Derry. She was the beloved grandmother to Jason, Louis and Philip, who knew her as "Mémère." Michele is also survived by five sisters, Margaret Mary Weinberg, Anne Hammell, Ellen Reichert, Kathryn Goldman, and Lisa Reulbach, as well as dozens of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two siblings, Michael Gamache, and Mary Bullard.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Saturday June 26, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, donations in Michele's memory can be made to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm at www.mspca.org.

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Editorial

Celebrating America

If you think celebrating the Fourth of July is just a matter of firing up the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, or heading to the seacoast or the mountains for a three-day weekend, we invite you to reconsider. The Fourth of July is also known, of course, as Independence Day, and that's the reason for this extra day away from work and for the life you live today.

The Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, and set the colonies on the path toward their emergence as a nation. Political speeches, fireworks, and red, white and blue bunting are fine for the day, but the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a lot more than a reason for a party. We think the Declaration of Independence, signed by New Hampshire's own Matthew Thornton among others, is a document that should be read regularly, to remind us of who we are as a country, and to make sure we continue in the tradition of those who fought to establish a free nation, whose leaders were expected to listen to those they serve.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pur-

suit of Happiness" are perhaps the document's most famous lines, but the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain makes for good reminders of what our government should never become. That's particularly timely reading during a time when political attacks rise or sink to unpleasant levels in the throes of an upcoming election, such as we are experiencing this year.

It's also a straightforward and simple document. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Sadly, not qualities every nation freely grants its citizens. How we pursue that happiness is left to us to decide, not dictated by a ruler. And we take that for granted, but to many people across the planet, it's only something to dream about.

So figure out what makes you happy as you enjoy your holiday weekend. A hearty meal, a good place to swim, and a sky full of sparkling fireworks make for a pretty good celebration of freedom.

As you pause a moment to thank those who made it all possible in 1776 and thank those who still fight to keep our freedoms. Remember America is built on choice and the freedom to do so.

Have a fun and safe celebration.

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Letters

In Response to the Jane Cooper Letter

To the editor,

"risk of complications for healthy children is higher for seasonal flu compared to covid 19" - source, directly from the CDC website.

Please fellow citizens, stop watching bias news and listening to "politicians". They aren't experts and simple research on your own part will prove this.

This is in fact why parents are outraged and they have every right to be. Turns out the noisy ones are the informed ones. Go figure. Turns out that everything funded by government dollars is corrupt and so called experts are just on the payroll... who would have thought?

Ryan Prudhomme
Londonderry

Grateful to School District Efforts

To the editor,

My name is Amy Finamore. I am one member of Londonderry's School Board, and speak only for myself in this letter.

I'd like to start by commending Superintendent Scott Lalibertie and Assistant Superintendent Dan Black for their tireless work on behalf of the students of Londonderry. In the summer of 2020, when

many districts in New Hampshire and Massachusetts were making the decision to remain fully remote for the upcoming school year, Scott, Dan, our administrators, principals and teachers prioritized in-person instruction for our students and families. With this choice came a number of logistical challenges- cohorts, contact tracing, reconfiguring bus routes, changing desk layouts in classrooms, and much, much more.

Nonetheless, as a district, we overcame these challenges through a shared commitment to providing in-person education for our students.

I'd like to thank Scott and Dan, as well as our administrators, principals, teachers and many others, for the countless hours, often seven days a week, that you contributed to our collective effort to preserve and maintain in-person learning. The success of the school year can correctly be attributed to your selfless dedication. As a parent and a board member, I am endlessly grateful.

Thank you,
Amy Finamore
Londonderry

We Are Fortunate

To the editor,
Fortunate to have as our Congressional delegation of Senators Shaheen and Hassan, and

Representatives Pappas and Kuster. Without them there would be no American Rescue Plan. Federal resources would not have been available for us to vaccinate so many, so rapidly. No funding for State and local governments to cover the increased costs of services needed to fight the epidemic and help struggling businesses to survive.

\$1,400 rescue checks per individual would not have been sent to 85 percent of American households. Child Tax Credits would not have been increased and expanded. Food and nutrition assistance would not have been delivered to millions of Americans.

We would not have made one of the largest one-time ever investments to improve healthcare for veterans, to address the opioid crisis, to keep people from being evicted from their homes, and to keep employees on the job. Frankly, without them our economy would not be roaring back.

Our delegation has our back. Recently Senator Hassan announced that \$1.3 million has been provided for temporary staffing and protective gear for the NH Veterans Home. Senator Shaheen was active in Manchester and Nashua explaining the benefits in the act. Representative Kuster praised the

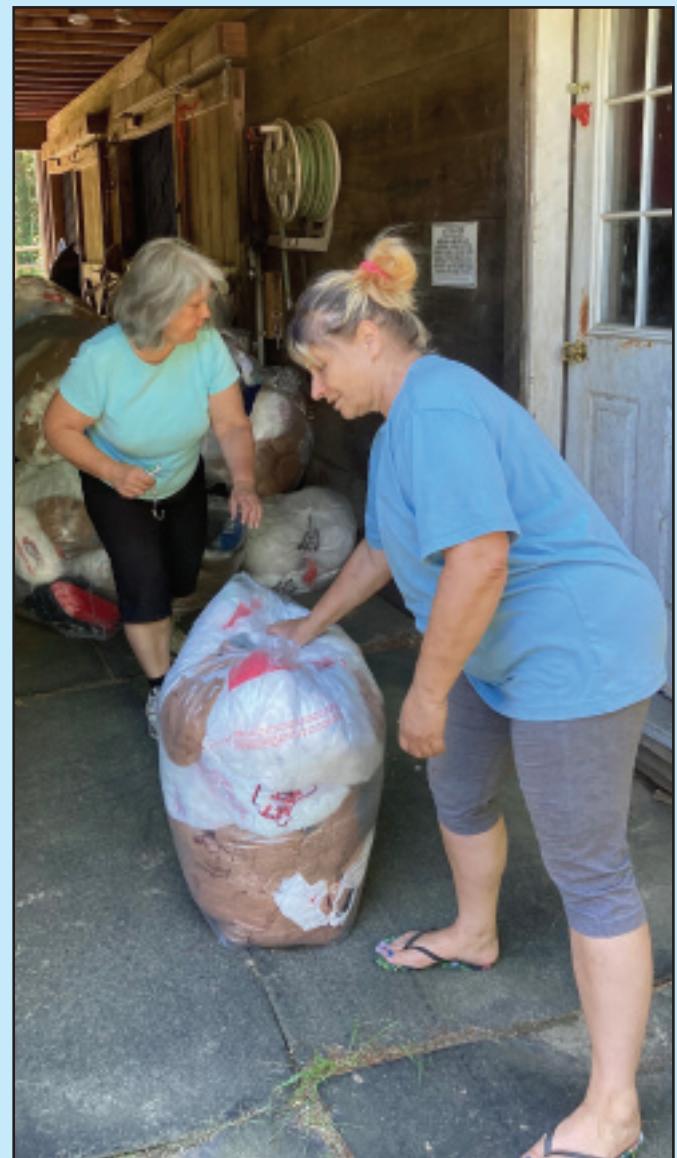
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Nutfield Publishing Will Not Print a Paper on July 8.

Nutfield Publishing will not be printing newspapers on July 8. The publisher uses this time each year to take a one-week break as the summer begins and to celebrate the nation's birthday. Papers will be produced on July 1 and July 15. We thank our readers for their understanding.

GREEN Team Ships Off Plastic Bags for Garden Bench



The GREEN Team of Londonderry collected over 800 pounds of plastic bags over the past several weeks and recently sent them off to the Trex Corporation for a recycled bench that will be used at the Butterfly Garden that was planted recently near the Moose Hill Kindergarten. The bags were weighed and dropped off at the Londonderry Market Basket where they were picked up for delivery to Trex.

Photos by Chris Paul

Emergency Meeting Held to Appoint New Tax Collector

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council convened for an emergency meeting on Monday night, June 28, to appoint a new town Tax Collector.

According to Town Council Chairman John Farrell the position became available because the current Tax Collector,

Erin Newnan, who was hired just recently, changed her role at the Town Hall by taking a position in another department.

Londonderry resident Alison Parsons will be assuming Newnan's role as of July 1 and will be in the position until March 31, 2022. The annual salary for the job is \$55,000.

Without any remarks or any discussion on the matter, the council unanimously appointed Parsons as the new Tax Collector.

The meeting lasted just under two minutes and was adjourned immediately after the five members attending voted on the motion and signed the order to hire Parsons.

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Letters

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\$10.7 million sent to NH for substance-abuse and mental health treatment.

Finally, Representative Pappas has been working to pass three Veterans Affairs bills in the House, one of which he sponsored and another he cosponsored.

I thank them all.
Jim Green
Londonderry

had 2 events listed for the whole month, and looking on the Library homepage there was just 5 listed.

On the Leach Library home page on the Town website there are very few digital resources to access online, which many libraries have.

I am an avid Genealogist and one of the websites many of us use is Ancestry.com and they have what is called a Library edition which Londonderry's library does have and is only available in the library, but because it was closed for over a year town resident's didn't have access to it.

But Ancestry right after the pandemic started was letting people access their website from home with their library card, but because the Londonderry Library doesn't have its own dedicated website we couldn't make use of it. I attended a Board of Trustees meeting in March of this year and asked why the Library didn't have its own dedicated website and was told it was-

n't worth paying for and that the town was running the website for the Library at no cost. Well the Town should see that it would be better if the Library took care of its own website.

There are many other Digital resources the citizens of Londonderry could be using from home if and when the Board of Trustees decides to upgrade. Having its own website is something well worth spending money on because it doesn't look as if the library is allocating money on to many other things to be used online.

It is time for the Londonderry Library to have its own website and if the Board of Trustees doesn't see why than it is time for the resident's to find out.

Kevin J. Olyanay
Londonderry

in the South China Sea. Our support of Taiwan, The Philippines, and Japan is critical to containing China's ambitions in the region. As a counter weight to China, we should probably encourage Japan to embark on a limited build up of its military forces, especially its Navy and missile capabilities. Additionally, we have to counter China's pilfering of our intellectual property. South Korea needs ongoing support to deter North Korean threats.

In the Middle East Iran poses a threat to its neighbors and to U.S. interests in the region. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt, Jordan and other countries in the region need our backing to counter any Iranian moves. Israel is the only democratic country in the Middle East, and it is a high-tech and military bulwark standing in the way of Iran and the Islamic terrorist factions who want to destroy the Western world. Israel's survival is strategically important to the United States and the Western world.

We have to continue to support countries in South America and Central America to contain Cuba and Venezuela.

We are back as the leader of the Free World.
Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Teaching Critical Race Theory

To the editor,
The debate between parents and school boards concerning the need to

teach or not to teach, for 2020 were available.) I learned it is reasonable to challenge CRT, by any name, being taught in any form. NH DOE reports that the last 5 years 2015-2019 there were: 879,307 students enrolled in NH schools. Minorities comprised 15% (about 131,190) of the student population. The incidence statistics are: Race Bullying i.e., race, color, and or national origin: One complaint in 2015 and one complaint in 2018 for a Total of two; Drugs, and Alcohol: six complaints in 2015, two complaints in 2016, three complaints in 2017, seven complaints in 2018; and 13 complaints in 2019 for a Total of 31; Violence, Property and People: 34 complaints in 2015, 46 Complaints in 2016, 43 complaints in 2017, 56 complaints in 2018, and 54 complaints in 2019 for a Total of 233.

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OBITUARY

James Frederick Johnson Sr.



James Frederick Johnson Sr, age 73 of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Tuesday June 22, 2021. He was born in Boston, MA. to the late Joseph M. Deveney and Helen (Florence) Deveney of Boston MA.

James was a beloved husband to the late Elaine B. Johnson of Londonderry, NH for a beautiful 45 years. He is survived by his children Richard, James Jr, Todd, Melissa and two wonderful daughters-in-law Jennifer and Holly. He is loved and will be missed by his three brothers Bobby, Joe, Johnny and his late siblings Barbara, Howard, Helen, Judith, Linda and Kenneth. He is the cherished grandfather of 16 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. James served as a Sgt in the United States Army and was a retiree of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, June 29, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., in the funeral home. The burial will be in NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Alanna Marcotte. You can mail donations to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or donate online at https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?px=2032954&pg=personal&fr_id=132486

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Boy Scout Gives Back to Organization that Helped Save His Life

HENRY GREENBAUM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In 2017, Life Scout Christopher Merheb was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer known as periosteal osteosarcoma at the age 12. It typically appears on the tibia or femur as a tumor. Thanks to the efforts of the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester (CHaD) through David's House in Lebanon, New Hamp., Christopher has had two surgeries to remove the tumor and has now been cancer free since Jul. 2019.

Now, Christopher wants to give back to the organizations that saved him and continue to save others like him as part of his Eagle Project. Christopher said, "I am a Life Scout with Boy

Scout Troop 109 in Londonderry and decided to use my Eagle Project to give back to CHaD at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and David's House in Lebanon, NH where I had my surgeries."

Christopher participates in Teen Kickboxing and co-teaches Junior Kickboxing at Woo Kickboxing in Londonderry, New Hamp. and he started his fundraiser there.

"I have begun my fundraising with a coffee corner at Woo Kickboxing of Londonderry. I also ran a toy drive for CHaD," he said. "Toys and monetary donations were accepted at Woo Kickboxing of Londonderry. I also ran a Kids Night Out at Woo Kickboxing. We did lots of

games and decorated cookies."

All the donations went to help the David's House where children who are diagnosed with cancer go to receive treatment from CHaD.

The house was conceived from the wish of a boy named David Cyr who unfortunately passed away at the age of five from acute lymphatic leukemia. His wish was for a place that can be used as a home away from home for children like him and their families to be together during the most crucial parts of their cancer treatments.

Since 1983, more than 15,300 families from around the world have come and stayed at David's House. They provide beds, meals,

showers, and so much more. The website itself says, "We provide so much more than a bed to sleep in, a kitchen to eat in, and quiet areas to find respite in – we are a safe, peaceful, home environment filled with compassionate staff and volunteers, and we foster connections among families that can result in lifelong friendships and support networks."

David's House provides so many crucial things like a social network, a place to eat, sleep, and to feel some sort of normalcy. There are also volunteers that donate their time to help families deal with the stress that comes with one of their children being diagnosed with cancer. It provided all those services for Christopher and his family which is why he wants to help the house to continue providing those services to other families.

The donated toys are for children staying in



Christopher Merheb stands in front of a truck full of donations that went to help the David's House. Courtesy photo

Letters

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the Race Bullying category, ZERO students were disciplined for racial bullying.

There was no information on the race of the person filing the complaint, e.g., Black, Asian, Brown, Native American, bi-racial, White, etc.

No reason was given for zero disciplinary actions. Regardless, the statistics reveal that racism is not affecting student interactions to a degree that would warrant instruction from educators. The category of Violence, Property, and People is the most

significant, consistent, and increasing category. Now consider this: Marxism, which CRT is rooted in, is a "political and ideological superstructure that Karl Marx and Frederick Engels predicted the revolutionary overthrow of Capitalism by the proletariat (working class) and the eventual attainment of a classless Communist society" (Wikipedia 6/1/21). Is this what is behind teaching CRT to the impressionable? Given that Londonderry High School (LHS) is ranked 40th in the State, that universities must adjust LHS graduates' GPA's because of LHS's current academic

standing, and that LHS ranks among the top ten highest for expenses per student, shouldn't the LHS focus on academic standing and lowering costs? Obviously, expenditures do not equate to high academic standing any more than teaching CRT would equate to better people relationships. There are real problems that must be addressed.

Is the above information known or conversely not known by the majority of NH school administrators and educators?

Why are the DOE statistics being ignored?

Janet Griffin
Londonderry

the house to play with while receiving their treatments and the money helps the house continue to provide all the necessities found in any other home. David's House truly is a home away from home for many families and thanks to people like Christopher, it will continue to be that way for many years to come.

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Water Task Force Holds Tradeshow-Style Information Session



A number of water-purification-related vendors were gathered at the Londonderry High School cafeteria last week and residents were invited to get information on how to best mitigate water issues they may be having. The PFAS Task Force put together the evening in hopes that attendees would be educated on what they can do in regard to protecting themselves from water contamination. The chairman of the committee, Tom Dolan is pictured greeting residents.

Photos by Chris Paul



School

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children about masks and I don't see you paying attention to them."

Carson also said that she disagreed with a point brought up by Vice Chair Jenn Ganem earlier in the meeting.

Ganem called a point of order, interrupting two residents during public comment and said that legally they were not allowed to "impede the

credibility of a staff member in public."

Carson said that because the comments made were not an action of the board, she did not believe that they required by law to turn the public comment into a non-public session.

"These folks have every right to come up and complain about what they see going on," Carson said.

After the meeting, Chair Michael Saucier

said to the Londonderry Times that this rule was under the RSA 91 A Section C which deals with nonpublic discussions.

The NH law Saucier referenced states that nonpublic sessions are intended for "Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open

meeting."

The first resident who was told by the board they were not allowed to continue based on this law, intended to discuss Assistant Superintendent Dan Black's words regarding his involvement with the Amherst School District's mask plan.

Black had said in two separate interviews with the Londonderry Times that he had no knowledge of the process in which the Amherst district's masks became optional and that he hadn't been involved with the district since he was on a small community member Zoom meeting as a resident last July and August.

Despite Black's denial of the involvement of Amherst's lifting of the

mask mandate, Londonderry residents at the School Board meetings said they felt he was inconsistent between the two districts.

As a private Amherst citizen, Black voted yes on the SAU 39 reopening plan which operated based on covid cases.

According to Amherst School Board Chair Tom Gauthier, the plan included a color scale which required masks most of the year but would allow for their removal given improved conditions.

"In short, we knew masks were a possibility at any point just as we knew they could've become optional at any point," Gauthier said.

"This was all outlined in the reopening plans."

Black said that the last time he was a part of the conversation, it was "clear" that face masks would be required at the beginning of the school year.

Another resident made an accusation of Ganem of conflict of interest but was not allowed to finish their comment.

The claim was made based on the premise that Ganem is a psychiatrist and the argument made was that the decisions she makes on the board affects the mental health of students which she could profit off of.

Ganem said that her patients are all "well aware" that she is on the Londonderry School Board prior to their business.



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Ovation Theatre Company Will Present Snow Angel

Live theatre is back throughout the Granite State and audiences are flocking to see what they've been missing for so long.

Londonderry's Ovation Theatre Company is excited to present both Snow Angel and Mamma Mia! this summer – two very different productions to entertain the community.

Snow Angel is first on the schedule, being performed this weekend at Matthew Thornton Elementary School in Londonderry. The show is directed by Tim Gore, with Stage Manager Annika Lewis, both of Londonderry. The cast includes youth from various towns in the area: Avenley Allen, Ava Amaro, Carter Blanco, Betsy Brown, Meg Carroll, Michaela Horan, Aidan McKivergan, Mason Turck and Nicole Walsh of

Londonderry; Ella Burroughs, Hope Frost, Paige Lang, Luke Thibodeau and Jonathan Uber of Hampstead; and Cailean Anderson and Aleksy Garcia of Hudson.

Snow Angel comes from Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire, perhaps best known for writing the book for Shrek The Musical. When the quiet town of Deerpoint, Vermont is hit by the biggest blizzard in 107 years, a mysterious girl named Eva steps out of a snow bank and into the lives of 15 confused teenagers who are asked to help her in her search.

What Eva's searching for - and who she truly is - becomes a mystery that baffles, divides, and energizes the teens of Deerpoint. Told through journal entries and interactions among the students as the mystery

unfolds, Snow Angel is a funny and eerie tale of teen angst, discovery, and the power of believing.

"This is such a smart show," Tim Gore said. "It manages to be both hilarious and very powerful at the same time. I've really enjoyed directing it and working with this cast. They make me laugh out loud so many times and then their emotional acting gives me chills. I'm really proud of how hard they've worked."

Cast members are excited to present this unique show. Hope Frost says "it's about crazy, kooky teenagers creating this weird story together." Avenley Allen appreciates doing a play, which is unique in youth theatre, where musicals are the norm. "We got to really focus on acting and making strong choices and being strong actors."



Cast members of the play Snow Angel have been working to perform in front of a live audience starting Thursday, July 1. Courtesy photo

Betsy Brown describes the show as "really funny and the ending is really unexpected." Stage Manager Annika Lewis notes how the show engages the audience and highlights how people can identify their mistakes and fix them.

Given the latest guidance from the CDC and

NH DHHS and with the approval of the Londonderry Schools and Londonderry Fire Chief O'Brien, masks will be optional for all attendees and participants. Ovation is trusting that symptomatic people will stay home and those at risk will protect themselves by masking.

The performances are at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, Friday, July 2 and Saturday, July 3 at Matthew Thornton Elementary School at 275 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry.

Tickets are \$10, are currently available at OvationTC.com and will also be on sale at the door.



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Volunteers

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terms, but this position will be appointed by the Town Council. The Committee's charter is to advise the Town Council, the School Board, and the Town of Londonderry on matters related to their budgets, providing a "third party" taxpayer's perspective. The Committee's work typically gets underway by holding preliminary briefing sessions with the Town Manager and the Superintendent of schools, as well as various town department heads. This process not only provides committee members with a basic outline of town, school & department-level finances, but also

affords the managers an opportunity to brief the committee on their current budgets and future requirements. Such advance information is valuable for putting department budget requests in perspective during the often-lengthy budget review process. In addition, the committee also participates in several budget workshops with the town and school during the annual budget process.

The Budget Committee is chartered to review both the Town and the School Districts financial needs and offer its recommendations to those entities. The Committee's goal is to ensure that the budgets of both the Superintendent of Schools and the Town

Manager provide taxpayers with adequate town and school services and the necessary infrastructure to operate in a fiscally responsible manner, while preferably maintaining a stable tax bill.

Heritage Commission

The town's Heritage Commission is looking to fill three seats. There are two alternate positions needed with a three-year term and one, one-year term alternate position seat.

The Heritage Commission is comprised of seven members and up to five alternate members. All members are appointed to staggered three-year terms.

The commission meets bi-monthly, on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The purpose of the

Commission is to oversee the preservation of historical and cultural resources for the Town, to educate the public on matters of historical interest and to work with other Boards, committees and commissions to assure responsible development that reflects the Town's Master Plan.

The Commission is also a Historic District Commission, with responsibilities as enumerated by state statute and the Historic District section of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Solid Waste and Environmental Committee

The Solid Waste and Environmental Committee is looking for two full-time position seats. Each seat carries a three-year term.

The mission of the Solid Waste and Environment Committee is to educate, inform, and lead the community on recycling, solid waste disposal, and other environmental initiatives and issues to improve the quality of life in Londonderry.

The committee was formed to address citizen concerns with the impact of solid waste disposal on the quality of life in Londonderry.

The Committee assists the Environmental Services Division of the Public Works Department in promoting and managing Londonderry's solid waste recycling and disposal programs.

The many user-friendly programs implemented and/or support-

ed by the Committee over the years have helped residents utilize methods to minimize their waste, reduce their tax burden, and protect and beautify their local environment.

The Committee also partners with Beautify Londonderry, an all-volunteer effort focused on reducing litter along town roads and undertaking general landscaping and beautification projects on town owned properties.

For more information regarding the open positions, contact Kirby Brown at 432-1100, ext. 120, or kbrown@londonderry.org.

Note: Information obtained through the Town of Londonderry website.

Budget

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midst of the pandemic with questions raised then about revenues. The town manager had suggested freezing certain lines until the actual revenue picture became clearer.

Ultimately some \$250,000 was cut from the budget the last time.

Spending can only be up to what is appropriated even if revenues are higher, Smith pointed out. Lines therefore can't be increased despite higher revenues coming in.

Revenue numbers have

been exceeded and Smith anticipates revenue projections for the FY23 budget to increase - in terms of what the town receives from the state and actual town revenues.

Most likely the greatest loss in value will be from the Granite Ridge Energy power plant, the largest taxpayer in Londonderry, and in back money owed to the company in abatements it's made since 2017. That could affect the tax rate base on town valuation.

Houston-based Calpine Corporation purchased Granite Ridge, which began operating in 2003

and had been owned by Granite Ridge Holdings.

The current fiscal year is ending with a surplus though some of that will go to the abatement credits owed to Granite Ridge, Smith said.

Funding of most town projects is done separately in warrant articles. Londonderry has held off on an addition to the Town Hall due to construction costs going up.

A related area of impact, he added, may be in maintenance work that could be limited given the increased costs.

As to the FY23 budget, the school system's

objective for the coming year is to return to a normal year in the wake of COVID-19, Superintendent Scott Laliberte told the budget committee.

He sees no major programmatic adjustments in the year ahead, and also expects a budgetary target at the default level.

Most of the work inside the school district is on professional development, instructional strategies, and curriculum development. Those are done internally with little marginal costs.

The system is moving ahead with its facilities study 10-year master plan development process. A July 20 school board meeting will hear preliminary results of the educational program assessment done by the Trident Group and on future

potential cost items.

The ongoing consideration of prospective school district office sites will be tied in to the long range master plan, Laliberte said.

In addition, the school system is approaching the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the teachers association and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals. Negotiations begin this summer.

If another three-year agreement is reached, the entire tax impact would be included in a warrant article next year, the superintendent said.

The federal assistance of \$3.4 million has offset much of the pandemic's local impact and improvements have been made to school facilities.

The remote instruction has accelerated the technological side of the curriculum, Laliberte noted. As an example, Google Classroom was introduced a year before covid and now is widely used to make and submit school assignments.

Separately, Budget Chair Chad Franz referenced the \$50,000 the town appropriates each year for local nonprofits through community services grants.

Member Tim Siekmann will head up the effort to examine how to award those funds. That will include defining the terms of qualifications which are now being a 501c3 and being of service to residents.

Sept. 30 is the projected deadline for applying online for the grants.

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Taking to the Trails: Situational Awareness on the Trail

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Accidents happen. It's unfortunate, because accidents are random and infrequent, we don't expect them, but maybe that's part of the problem. If we recognize and prepare for the risks in our everyday life, we can reduce the likelihood of accidents and the damage or injury that can result.

The opening of the lovely Little Cohas Marsh segment 20 months ago, combined with the onset of COVID-19 have drawn thousands more visitors to the Rail Trail, and all are welcome. Nevertheless, just like traffic on our roads, the more people on the Trail, the greater the possibility of an accident. So we ask you to help us cultivate "safety awareness" when you come for a walk, jog or ride. Think of it as the equivalent of driving defensively, but on the Trail.

You will now see "STOP" freshly painted on the pavement at all intersections to ensure that trail users pause to check for traffic before crossing. Look for a Rail Trail welcome sign at the three trailheads that lays out the "rules of the road" for everyone's safety, and notice the new signs posted along the path remind-

ing us to keep to the right and pass on the left.

What can happen?

Now let's be clear: the Rail Trail is a very safe place. But it takes everybody's cooperation to keep it so. What can go wrong? Well, we are talking about a 4.5-mile public thoroughfare surrounded by woods that is available to the public 24/7. Dusk and dawn are somewhat risky times to be on the trail; visibility is reduced, and you are a mile or two from help if you hurt yourself. Pairing up with a friend is a good way to stay safe at these times, especially during months of low temperatures and with snow or ice on the path.

At least twice in the last 12 months, a tree has fallen on the trail that required both walkers and riders to climb, with some difficulty, over the trunk and large branches in order to pass - or to turn back. In the peat bog segment, one trunk of a

large tree snapped and its top came to rest precariously against another tree, leaving many long arms of its branches looming over the path. We needed a tree service to dispatch that for us.

Rail trails were originally built to provide a straight and level rail bed for the trains to run on. Bends and dips were avoided or minimized by constructing "cuts and fills"; cuts through solid rock to mitigate uphill segments, and embankments that filled downhill gaps. Londonderry's rail bed is relatively level with the forest floor, but we have a fill a short distance south of the North School trailhead that features steep, 20-foot drop-offs. Derry and Windham have longer fills that rise over 30 feet. So beware: if you take your eyes off the trail when you're on a vehicle, you may be courting disaster.

Families walking or

biking on the trail have an opportunity to educate their kids about keeping themselves safe. Bikers, skaters and those on electric vehicles need to check their speed around other trail users and avoid racing. Remember: the Trail is pretty long, but only 10 feet wide.

Situational Awareness

It can get pretty busy on nice days, particularly on weekends, so it's important to always look out for your personal safety. Here are some precautionary strategies to keep you mentally prepared:

- Develop your "situational awareness". This concept has been used in aviation, healthcare and the military for years. It simply means knowing what is going on around you. Always be aware of your immediate environment.

- Accidents can happen to anybody. Even if you are exercising caution, that doesn't mean

others are. Your safety is ultimately in your own hands.

- Beware of a false sense of security. Become an active participant instead of a passive viewer.

- Trust your gut and make a habit of double-checking whatever it tells you. Learn to "anticipate."

- Follow the rules and safety precautions posted on the trail.

- Note that mile markers are posted every half mile, in case you ever need to identify your bearings on the Trail.

Let's help each other stay safe. Having situational awareness and respect for fellow trail users will enable us to keep the Londonderry Rail Trail accident-free. For more Rail Trail news, announcements and trail photos, check out our Londonderry Trailways website at: www.londonderrytrails.org.

COVID-19 Forbearance Protection Maybe Lost to Those Struggling with Mortgage

More than 325,000 homeowners with FHA-insured single-family mortgages that are at least two payments behind (60+ days delinquent) on their mortgage payments have not requested a forbearance and are at risk of losing their homes.

HUD's goal is to have as many struggling homeowners as possible request a mortgage payment forbearance

requested by the borrower. Communities of color are disproportionately affected by the pandemic and are also likely to be a large share of homeowners who are behind on their FHA-insured mortgage payments.

from their servicer, but time is of the essence. Message for the Borrowers:

- If you are struggling to make your mortgage payment on your FHA-insured mortgage because of COVID-19, help is available.

- However, you must act now. Here are the steps you should take today:

- Contact your mort-

gage servicer and request a COVID-19 forbearance. A forbearance is a reduction or pause in your mortgage payment.

- Your mortgage servicer is the entity to which you make your mortgage payments. Your mortgage servicer is the only entity that can provide you with a mortgage payment forbearance.

- When working with

your servicer, you should:

- 1) State that you are having a financial hardship due to COVID-19.

- 2) Request a COVID-19 Forbearance for your mortgage payments.

- 3) Ask your servicer to confirm the details of your agreement in writing.

For help talking to your mortgage servicer or understanding your

options, call (800) 569-4287 to contact a HUD-approved housing counseling agency in your area.

HUD urges all homeowners who are able to make their mortgage payments to continue to do so.

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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. Meal Bags to go: Lunch on July 11 from 2-2:30 p.m., at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS); breakfast on July 17 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., at St. Thomas Parish; Lunch on July 17, from 12-12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Church, drive around to back door; Lunch on July 25 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Dinner on July 30, from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Sonshine Soup Kitchen - We Will Be Serving Drive By To Go Meals On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, And Thursdays 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Virtual Summer Reading Program

From July 1 - Aug. 31, Leach Library cardholders can register online to participate in a summer reading incentive program. Registered patrons of all ages are encouraged to report the number of books they read during July and Aug., on a weekly or bi-weekly basis through an online raffle form. Links to the registration and raffle forms are available on the library's website under "Virtual Summer Reading Program". Adult raffle prizes will be drawn twice per month, young adult prizes will be awarded to the top reader(s) in each grade level, and children's raffle winners will be drawn for three age groups. All registered participants in the children's program are also invited to pick up a prize in the children's room between Monday, Aug. 23 and Saturday, Sept. 4. Virtual programs

will be offered on the library's Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel in lieu of a traditional summer reading program. Take-home activities for all ages will be available for pickup throughout the summer. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

Craft Time

Starting on Monday, July 12, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft time will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, or YouTube channel. Join Miss Colleen as she demonstrates how to assemble and color your own kite. Craft kits are available at the children's room desk while supplies last.

Young Adult Craft

Starting on Monday, July 19, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel. Follow along with Miss Megan as she shares how to make your own bird glider! Craft kits are available by the circulation desk while supplies last.

Story Time

Beginning on Monday, July 26, at 10 a.m., join Miss Jennifer for two "birds of a feather" stories! This story time video will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel until Sept. 30. To reserve the featured titles, please call the library at 432-1132 or sign in to your account on the library catalog.

Derry 4th of July

The town of Derry will hold their 4th of July display on Sunday, July 4, at dusk which is approximately 9 p.m., with a rain date of Monday July 5. Sug-

gested viewing areas include: along Tsienetto Rd., Hood Commons, Folsom Rd., & Crystal Ave. Any question contact Derry recreation 432-6136 or www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation.

Republicans BBQ and Meeting

Members and friends are invited to the 3rd Annual Family Fun BBQ on July 15 at 5 - 8:30 p.m. at the Londonderry American Legion's backyard, 6 Sergeant Road. The venue includes Mike the DJ and a State Rep who is a chef and will BBQ a whole pig Cuban style. The meal will include hot dogs for the children, assorted salads, baked beans, and dessert. Bring the children and grandchildren for fun games like corn hole, water balloon toss, and face painting. There will be a raffle with great prizes. Dress in your patriotic best. House Republican Speaker Sherman Packard will MC the presentations that includes a keynote speaker and special guests. The cost is \$25 per person with children 12 and under are free. Event sponsorships are available that includes tickets to the event, your name listed in the program, and more. Proceeds from the event will go toward the election of Londonderry Republicans. For more information contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas (603) 437-6090 or at eathomas@comcast.net. You can pay at the door or pay in advance at www.events.nh.gov/event/londonderry-republican-committee-family-pig-roast-bbq/

Summer Media Camp

The Londonderry Access Center is pleased to be holding the Summer Media Camp this year. The camp will be held July 26 -



Final Race Winner

To finish off the Triple Crown races, The Londonderry Senior Center had members place entries as to who they thought would win the Belmont Stakes. One lucky winner, Richard Corriveau won the trifecta. Corriveau is pictured with Senior Affairs Director Catherine Blash, on left, handing over a gift basket to Richard and his wife Theresa.

Courtesy photo

Aug. 6, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This camp is open to students entering 5th-8th grade in fall 2021. This is a fun exciting camp where kids will learn all aspects of video production. They will produce their own TV shows, and have a screening of all their work at the end of the two weeks, for friends and family to see. Participants must be able to attend the entire camp. If you have questions or for more information call Erin at 432-1100 X-185. You can also email ebarry@londonderrynh.org.

channel in lieu of a traditional summer reading program. Take-home activities for all ages will be available for pickup throughout the summer. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

Blues Fest Volunteers

The Londonderry 7th Annual Blues Festival will be held on Saturday Aug. 28 from noon - 4 p.m. The event is looking for volunteers and vendors. The event happens on the Londonderry Town Commons. The money the Blues Festival raises will 100% go to veteran organizations to help veterans and to veterans awareness the show is all about veterans and giving help to them. If you are interested in volunteering or being a vendor please contact Dennis at drharp83@hotmail.com or call 603-303-0352.

Library Summer Hours

Starting the week of June 14, Leach Library will begin offering more walk-in browsing hours for the summer. The library will be open for browsing Monday through Wednesday noon - 6 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Drive-Thru Service will be available by appointment Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. - noon. The library staff will track occupancy on an as-needed basis, and seating will continue to be limited. Services will resume at the Children's Circulation Desk. Socially distanced computers remain available on a first come, first serve basis. Meeting rooms will not be available during this phase of reopening. Virtual programs will be offered on the library's Facebook page, blog, and YouTube

Raising another's child?

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

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

Free Stress Management Workshop

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

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.

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on

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Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: bit.ly/tipstopics

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 selizabeth@urteachers.org

Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs

and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom, craft supplies at bit.ly/connectstorytime or email skoza@URteacher.org.

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.

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/tipstopics

Parent & Caregiver Café

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

Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

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 Tues-

day, 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 jrkdiyas@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 or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - June 21

6:29 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Old Derry Road.

9:10 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Londonderry North School

10:08 a.m. Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Capitol Hill Drive.

11:40 a.m. Peace Restored by four officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive.

12:03 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Mammoth Road.

3:57 p.m. Car Break Ins investigated on Golen Drive.

8:18 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Fieldstone Drive.

8:54 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Silas Rock Drive.

11:02 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by

three officers on Coteville Road.

Road.

8:20 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-Ins on Boyd Road.

8:23 a.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Rossini Road.

8:43 a.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Rossini Road.

9:42 a.m. Services rendered for Car Break-Ins on Boyd Road.

10:02 a.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Boyd Rd

10:10 a.m. Fire extinguished on Alexander Road.

10:20 a.m. Car Break-Ins investigated on Boyd Road.

2:18 p.m. Robbery investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

6:26 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Mustang Lane.

Wednesday - June 23

7:49 a.m. Car Break-Ins Investigated on Burbank

Thursday - June 24

1:22 a.m. Peace restored

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Congressman Chris Pappas (NH-01) and Congressman Peter Meijer (MI-03) led a bipartisan letter with 26 of their House colleagues this week calling on Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy to ensure that funding to adequately assess, monitor and remediate PFAS contamination across the country is included in a final infrastructure package.

Exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) is one of the

most pressing environmental and public health issues facing our nation and impacts millions of Americans.

In the letter, the Representatives wrote: "While prior federal funding has not been sufficient to address the issue, we believe there are opportunities this Congress to make historic investments to address PFAS. Therefore, we support the highest amount of funding necessary in a final legislative infrastructure package to assess, monitor

and remediate PFAS."

Specifically, the Representatives are urging Congress to ensure that federal dollars are appropriated and executed as part of a national, programmatic strategy led by the EPA. This would include:

- Harnessing an extensive national data set to apply predictive analysis to accelerate science and understanding, creating innovative approaches to remediation and treatment.

- Providing water ut-

ilities and wastewater treatment facilities the resources they need to address PFAS contamination, without placing a financial burden on local ratepayers.

- Prioritizing spending to immediately implement interventions that reduce PFAS contamination in vulnerable communities.

- Envisioning long-term goals that systematically regenerate our natural systems.

This national PFAS strategy should ensure

that U.S. military bases and nearby communities are included as part of the process, with the EPA and DOD partnering to ensure the needs of these communities are met as the PFAS cleanup process accelerates.

The Representatives concluded: "Congress should make historic investments in PFAS assessment and remediation in the upcoming infrastructure package. The funding is win-win, providing immediate jobs for the economy while

cleaning up these dangerous chemicals. It would be a much-needed step toward protecting our communities and the environment from these 'forever' chemicals. We look forward to working with you to ensure this funding is included in any infrastructure package taken up by Congress."

To read the full letter, pappas.house.gov/sites/pappas.house.gov/files/documents/05.26.2021%20Pappas-Meijer_PFAS%20Infrastructure%20Letter.pdf

Police Log

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by three officers after a Disturbance on Beacon Street.

9:19 a.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

10:19 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Adams Road.

3:46 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

5:09 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire De-

partment with transportation to a hospital from Nashua Road at Crossroads Mall.

10:40 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Dept Department with transportation to a hospital from Sadies Way.

Friday - June 25

7:26 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Vista Ridge Drive.

10:54 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire De-

partment with services at the Southbound Off Ramp on Route 93.

12:58 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Nashua Road at Budget Gas & Auto Repair.

4:10 p.m. Disturbance at Convenience Plus on Rockingham Road results in transportation to a hospital.

5:22 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Stonehenge Road.

6:22 p.m. Services rendered for a Missing Per-

son reports at All American Assisted Living on Button Drive.

7:01 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Danbury Court.

Saturday - June 26

9:16 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated east and north of Mammoth on Pillsbury Road.

5:14 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from Raintree Drive.

5:15 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road

8:46 p.m. Report of a Domestic Disturbance on Norwich Place results in person being taken to Family/Guardian

Sunday - June 27

2:46 a.m. Services rendered for a Complaint at 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

2:22 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency on Mammoth Road at Londonderry

Town Pound

4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident results in two arrests made on Rockingham Road at Auburn Road. Four officers assist with charging Alexander Vermette, 19, of Methuen, Mass. with Conduct after an Accident and charging Gianni Moreno, 18, of Methuen, Mass. with Falsifying Physical Evidence (Alter, Destroy, Hide).

7:51 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Orchard View Drive at AMC Classic Cinema 10.

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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

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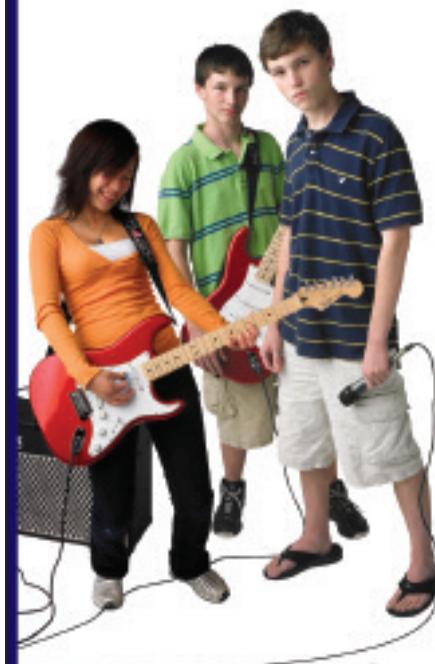
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