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Rec Relays

Youngster attending the Summer Recreation Program at South Elementary School participated in some Relay Races on Tuesday morning. The Rec program continues through Aug. 10 and features many fun activities.

Photo by Chris Paul

School District to Begin New Mentoring Program

ALEX MAM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the July 5 Londonderry School Board meeting Interim Superintendent, Dan Black, explained that before the pandemic the school district had an “induc-

tion program” for new staff.

Now they hope to bring a mentoring type program back to Londonderry.

“Before the pandemic, the Londonderry School District had an ‘Induction Program’ that

all new staff went through over their first year in the district,” Black wrote in a memo. “The purpose of it was to help orient all our staff to the school system and make sure a few basic areas of profes-

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Chief Hart and Lisa Drabik Announce Their Departure

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night July 11 meeting of the Londonderry Town Council, two more departures from town staff were announced.

Police Chief, William Hart, will officially retire from the force on Aug. 5 and Assistant Town Manager/Director of Human Resources, Lisa Drabik, resigned last week to move on to a position with the City of Manchester as their Human Resource Director.

Hart has been with the town for 30-years. He started in Londonderry on July 1, 1992, serving as the town prosecutor, then serving as the Assistant Chief, under Chief Joe Ryan before moving into the role of Chief when Ryan retired.

At the meeting, he made a brief statement saying, “I’ve devoted my life to this town and proud to have done so.” He added that he is also proud to have served with the town councilors.

On the departure of Drabik, who resigned

last week and was present at the meeting, council chairman, John Farrell, wished her well, thanked her for her service to the town, and said the town would be working out what the transition would be.

Drabik was hired by the former Town Manager, Kevin Smith, in January of 2017 as his assistant. Her position was later expanded encompass the role of Director of Human Resources.

When asked for comment after the meeting on how the town plans on filling these two posi-

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Planning Board Hears Plans for Eversource Pole Upgrade

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the July 6 meeting, the Londonderry Planning Board met to discuss a wetland use permit for Eversource Energy and their in-progress project to realign electric poles.

Planning Board Chairman, Arthur Rugg, announced the completion of Eversource’s initial application.

At the public hearing, Chris Wilks spoke to support the realignment proposal. The project is in direct response to work by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

“The location we’re

talking about is in between Madden Road and Trolley Car Lane, directly east and west of I-93” Wilks stated. “It’s going to involve the installation of seven new weathered steel pole structures, replacement of three existing single wood poles with weathered steel, replacement one single wood pole with a new wood pole, and the removal of ten single wood poles”

He further stated that “the new section of the right of way is going to be bumped to the north of the existing structures” Tree clearing will also be required as part of the project.

Eversource is working with the original Department of Transportation plan to avoid heavy impact on local wetlands.

Wilks promised that no major disruptions or road building are expected beyond what is needed for pole replacement.

The Board voted to approve the conditional

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Budget Committee Reviews School Report, Overview, and Savings

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Questions related to the School District budget dominated the Londonderry Budget Committee's June 23rd meeting. Peter Curro and Lisa Muse from the Business Office of the Londonderry School District were in attendance to discuss issues regarding the Londonderry budget. The majority of local tax revenue is automatically allocated to the school district.

Recently unveiled was the yearly budget book, giving both a summary and a detailed

description of where money is spent.

Increased expenses have come from the end of remaining Covid-19 restrictions and hiring new substitute teachers at an increased salary. Inflation has also played a role in higher costs, although tax revenue still exceeds the operating costs of Londonderry schools.

Most revenues have been dedicated to the capital reserve fund, and the remainder is available to the school discretionary fund for later use.

Taxpayers with questions are encour-

aged to examine the budget on their own time, returning to the School Board and Budget Committee at a later meeting with feedback if necessary.

"Depending on what you'd like to see, [the budget book] is in written format and summarized paragraph format," Muse said. "It's in both forms, whichever way the people want to see it, it's there for them."

Muse also encouraged anybody looking at the school budget to review the budget analysis by object and the budget analysis by the department. Those with-

out the time to go over every detail of the report can get a good picture of the budget by focusing on a few important sections.

"I think those pages if somebody doesn't want to spend hours and hours in this book, are great reports to look at."

Another essential section of the budget book is the tax rate sheet. This sheet lists the expected revenues along with the total budget and the outcome tax rates based on the numbers. It compares this rate compared to last year and gives any reader an idea of how

school expenses impact the tax rate in Londonderry.

"I think it's important to read the Superintendent's report" Curro added to these recommendations. "It outlines what the district is looking to change and what the educational goals are going to do."

The Budget Committee expressed interest in ways the School District might save money in the upcoming budget. Curro and Muse highlighted an energy management program as one possible way to save money. Better insulation, more efficient lighting, and gener-

al education all have the potential to save taxpayers hundreds of thousands in gas and electricity for Londonderry's schools.

Other savings come from suggestions by school administrators along with preventative medicine to reduce healthcare costs. Potential savings in the school district can largely be found in small changes.

The Londonderry Budget Committee is scheduled to hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 28th, at the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

Planning

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use permit for Ever-source to continue its project.

Board member, Ann Chiampa, had some questions about the new alignment for Ever-source's project and asked if an underground alignment on part of the

project near Trolley Car Lane is a possibility.

"At this time, we are not considering underground modifications for the engineering design" according to Ashley Friend of Ever-source. "This project has been in the making for ten years, and we are pretty set on the design at this point for over-

head distribution lines." The cost was cited as a concern when running the electrical line underground with the possibility that any future breaks would require digging up a road.

Friend also warned that the Department of Transportation would need to vet any modifications to the project

when trying to bury part of the line underground.

The Planning Board is prepared to welcome the new Town Planner, Kellie Walsh, who is starting on July 25. Walsh worked as a Town Planner for the town of Epping and is a graduate of Londonderry High School.

Rugg received a re-

quest for the "construction of a 7,200 warehouse and wholesale building" at 23 Enterprise Drive. The Planning Board voted to hold a hearing for the request for the warehouse permit at their July 13 meeting at 7 p.m., where members of the public will have the opportunity to voice support or

opposition to the project.

Another public hearing scheduled that evening for the subdivision of lot 106 Wiley Hill Road into three structures was rescheduled for the Aug. 10 meeting at 7 p.m. The public may attend if they wish to voice an opinion on the Wiley Hill lot.

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School Board Approves Student Dress Code Committee

ALEX MAM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the June 21 Londonderry School Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to looking at changing the dress code.

School Board Chair, Amy Finamore, said that like other policies it would require three readings before they could officially change it.

"Before the three readings we would have to have a proposed policy to replace it," said Finamore.

Finamore said that

once they have the proposed policy changes they can have readings for it.

School Board Vice Chair, Sara Loughlin, said that the policy hasn't been looked at in many years and thought it was important to examine it.

"I think it's been since 2000 since we amended the policy so I think we should look at the policy," said Loughlin.

Loughlin proposed that they have a Committee with students and staff on it to examine the policy. She said

that they should also have a survey to gather feedback.

It was pointed out by Loughlin that a number of different school districts in the area have made changes to their dress codes.

"I think it's definitely time to take a bigger look at this," said Loughlin.

Finamore said that when she got elected she wanted to look at updating the policy. She said that they received an email a couple of weeks ago that got the discussion going again.

"It really spurred this

momentum," said Finamore.

Finamore proposed having a maximum of 10 members on the Committee with four students from the high school and four from the middle school along with two teachers. She said that it would also be important to have surveys to get feedback from different stakeholders.

Loughlin asked if it made sense to have a teacher from the elementary school level as well.

Interim Superintendent, Dan Black, said

that the most infractions for dress code violations come from the middle school and high school.

"I'm not sure if we need it for elementary," said Black.

Finamore said that they could be on the committee as ad hoc members.

Middle School Principal, William Van Benekum, said that it would be good to have some administrators on the committee along with students and teachers. He said that he could talk to some students who are currently on the Principal's Advi-

sory Committee to see if they are interested in joining the committee.

Loughlin's proposal was to have two students from the middle and high school, a teacher from each of the schools, an administrator, and a parent.

School Board member Bob Slater said he thought it was the right amount.

"That's a good mix," said Slater.

Finamore said that she hopes it is more student driven.

The board approved moving forward with the dress code Committee.

Peter Curro Parts by Telling School Board to Aim High

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At the June 7 School Board Meeting, Business Administrator, Peter Curro, delivered his last "report" to the Board. His eloquent and impassioned message first paid tribute to those who'd believed in him and helped him grow during his 30-year career in both the Londonderry Town and School Business Offices. He thanked former Board Members, Ron Campo and Dan Bever, for taking a

chance on him and referenced Londonderry greats like Art Psaledas, Nate Greenberg, and Bob Lincoln for helping him grow both personally and professionally.

He further expressed his gratitude to the people who've worked alongside him in the Business Office for many years, noting that they are family. Lisa McKenney, who has worked together with Curro for many years and who will step into his position notes, "Peter's leadership and dedication to

the Londonderry Schools is unmatched. He guided this district for years and always acted in the best interest of students, staff, and the Londonderry community. His Business Office family was fortunate to work under his management for so many years and we wish him the best in his retirement doing the things he loves to do."

Among his department's most notable accomplishments is the fact that all of their yearly audits for the past 22

years have been clean, a testament to their hard work, team approach, and meticulous record-keeping and accounting.

Curro went on to thank the District for helping his 3 children grow and find success in their adult lives, two of whom serve as officers in the Air Force. He also thanked his wife, an educator in the District.

In his final message, he challenged the Board to remember, above all, that their commitment is to the students and to

keep the needs of the students at the forefront of all of their decision-making. He challenged them to use the Air Force motto "Aim High" when conducting their business and planning for the future.

He ended his message turning in his equipment, and those in attendance gave him a standing ovation. Incoming Interim Superintendent, Dan Black, says, "Londonderry was lucky to have Peter work so hard for the Town and

School system for three decades. He always wanted what was best for this community and its students. He has made a lasting impact and he will be missed. I hope he finds ways to still be involved with the community he loves."

Chair of the School Board, Amy Finamore, passed him a gift as he made his exit and stated, "The School District is a better place because of you, Mr. Curro."

Curro's retirement officially began July 1.

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Editorial

Free Speech is Worth Fighting For

The First Amendment right entitles you to use your voice to hold your elected officials accountable.

It is important to use your voice and question decisions you don't agree with or understand.

Free speech did not come cheap or easy and many people died and sacrificed on our behalf so we as free Americans could enjoy this right.

Freedom of speech gives you the opportunity to express thoughts, opinions, views, and ideas without restrictions or obstacles. It's one's right to speak without being censored.

Our freedom is becoming more and more limited as to how we can express ourselves.

You have the right to write letters to your elected officials about any topic that is of concern to you. It is even better to come to public meetings and voice your concerns, opinions or how you feel about a particular topic in a public forum. Question everything. You have nothing to lose and lot to gain; there is nothing to fear.

Free speech is critical for individuals. It is very important that people have the right to say what they feel, express their ideas, and question authority. It is important to understand and question policy issues and politics and not fear

punishment as a result. Each of us possesses the right to express our views, and freely support candidates and groups of our choice.

In a dictatorship you lack this right to speak freely. There is no ability to criticize or question the government. This form of government allows complete control by the state even though government is meant to work for the people.

That is why our Founders inscribed this freedom as the first right in the Bill of Rights. One could say that free speech is useful for developing and testing ideas in search of truth.

If all you hear is only one voice you are left with a very unbalanced perspective. That is why it is good to have many viewpoints discussed.

If you agree that free speech is essential, and that government should not restrict its critics, and that everyone has the right to support any causes they believe in, free from government interference, then it is time to reclaim your independence and freedom.

I hope to see you speaking at meetings and sending and reading your letters in our paper.

I leave you with this quote from Janis Joplin "Freedom's just another name for nothing left to lose"

Letters

Regarding Elderly Tax Exemptions

To the editor,

In regards to the difficulty of expanding the elderly tax exemption, Town Council Chairman John Farrell stated that they budget a year and three months in advance. How interesting. Did they know then that they would unleash a town wide property reevaluation, after only two years from the previous reevaluation, and did they know also that property values would be sky high, or was that just a happy coincidence?

If they didn't know either of these things then where is that windfall that we'd have to assume wasn't counted on a year and three months previous?

My own taxes went up nearly twenty percent on a property that hasn't been improved on in thirty years, but I guess from a seat in an air conditioned office that lot drawings look so very pristine, and lucrative, on a computer screen.

Farrell also, while defending such a fleecing, said that two year intervals, now, would be much easier on the property owners (?!!!) but does anyone really believe, if the market is down, that there will be another such timely assessment?

After years of Covid the town council pulled quite a fast one, and now they claim that they can't even consider the possibility of expanded elderly exceptions.

These old people should just give up their homes and go live in a condo in another town.

Oh, and let's give prospective businesses a five year, fifty percent tax break for a prime spot, in a prime town, which will be even more prime once the new exit comes in. Location, location, location.

Why, when dealing with such a strong hand, would they bend so far backward when they can't do the same for people who have lived here for decades, who probably haven't missed a single tax payment...in full?

Do we really need this inexorable slide toward becoming a city?

Do we really need such a tone deaf Council?

We really should be paying more attention to who we're voting for.

Marc Woods
Londonderry

Affordable or Work Force Housing

To the editor,

This subject comes up from time to time but never seems to get properly resolved. The housing that is approved most often seems to have only a comparatively small proportion that is 'affordable' or 'work force' and even then, it remains high priced.

While reading my home town magazine I was struck by their approach to affordable work force housing. The town is one of about a dozen small country towns and villages within a parish that is about eight miles across and in a very popular area where wages are low and house prices are high, forcing locals to move away. This is not a 'government' project but are

conditions placed upon a private developer to qualify for 'work force' tax and zoning considerations. Firstly, 60% had to be rental only. Then a potential renter had to fall under one of four conditions in order to be considered.

1. A person who has immediately prior to such nomination had his or her main residence within the parish for 3 of the last 5 years.

2. A person has immediately prior to the allocation lived in the parish for 6 out of the last 12 months preceding allocation.

3. A person who has permanent employment within the parish for the last year with a minimum contract of 16 hours per week which has continued for the 6 months preceding the allocation without a break in employment of more than 3 months.

4. Immediate family (ie parents, siblings or non-dependent children) have lived in the parish themselves for 5 years preceding the allocation.

A different country - a different way of doing things. Those are not unusual conditions in places where work force housing is tough. (Each unit had to be what the regulations consider 'net zero' and have a parking space with an electric charging point.)

David Ellis
Londonderry

Student Dress Code Committee Forming

To the editor,

As a School Board, we are always trying to improve the school ex-

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Letters

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 perience for our teachers, staff and students. At the June 21 board meeting, following feedback from various members of our school community, the School Board approved the formation of a committee to evaluate the student dress code.

The goal of a dress code is to provide students with a learning environment that has minimal distractions. A dress code should allow for creativity and individuality that is line with current styles and trends, while ensuring that students are dressed appropriately for school. The dress code in Londonderry has not been updated since 2000.

It is the opinion of the School Board that students should be active, invested participants in the creation and revision of a dress code. Instead of a dress code created by the school board and administrators, we have decided to form a committee of two Middle School students, two High School students, two teachers (one Middle School and one High School) and two parents. The inclusion of students in the committee is of vital importance- our students are the ones directly impacted and should have a voice in the final policy. While adults will form part of the committee, it is our vision that the committee is run and directed by the students with support from adults. This work can begin once we have a full committee- ideally this summer, but more realistically, once school is back in session.

If you (or your child!) are interested in serving on the committee, please contact school-board@londonderry.org

and use the subject line "Dress Code Committee"
 Amy Finamore
 Londonderry School Board

Moira Ryan for State Representative

To the editor,
 I am writing to tell you of my experience with a candidate Moira Ryan who is running for NH State Representative.

Moira worked tirelessly this year in supporting five education bills to go forth. She was able to see three of these bills put into NH law. The bills she supported where needed in helping students have the supports in place they need.

The school districts in NH have law firms funded by taxpayers that jerk families around when they are trying to obtain services their

children are entitled to by law.

These lawyers tend to waste students valuable educational time and run the clock out on educational laws in place to safeguard parental rights.

These law firms do this all while collecting money to blur the laws set forth by the State of New Hampshire.

I have first hand had her try to help my daughter obtain her

right to a free appropriate public education "FAPE".

Parents are typically steamrolled over during IEP meetings.

Districts have resorted to use their lawyers to help them with meetings and intimidate parents who are advocating for their child's needs.

Moira was able to try and help all while working to have NH strengthen it access to services NH students need.

Moira has seen first hand the tactics that are being used.

I believe we need a State Representative that isn't afraid to stand up for the citizens of NH. Moira Ryan will not just be a person in Concord that goes with the status quo.

Moira Ryan will truly listen and help constituents have their voices heard. If we want change to be brought

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Watering Restrictions Taking Place Due to Moderate Drought

According to the current United States Drought Monitor map, by the National Drought Migration Center, Londonderry is experiencing "Moderate Drought" conditions.

During the Town Council meeting, on Monday night, members moved forward with Level I Water Restrictions of Town Ordinance #2020-03, and at its July 11, 2022 meeting.

Level I Water Restrictions are as follows:

Lawn watering by odd numbered addresses is allowed on odd numbered days; and

Lawn watering by even numbered addresses is allowed on even numbered days; and

Lawn watering shall not occur between the

hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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OBITUARY

George A. Gendron

(December 26, 1922 – July 2, 2022)



George Alexander Gendron, 99, of Londonderry, NH passed away after a period of failing health on July 2, 2022. He was born December 26, 1922, on a family farm on Green Mt. Road in Claremont NH, the son of Mary Louise (Chartier) and Alexander L. Gendron.

George graduated from Claremont's Stevens High in 1941 and was a Navy veteran of World War 2 and the Korean conflict. He enrolled at UNH after WW2 and went on to employment with Joy Manufacturing of Claremont, NH. For over 20 years. He also "held Plant and Special Project Manager positions for Moore Business Forms, Inc. until his retirement until 1984.

George is survived by six of his eight children; Michael Gendron and wife Patricia of Englewood, Florida, Richard Gendron and wife Pamela of Cornish, NH, Martha (Longa) and husband Raymond of Londonderry, NH, Patricia (Sokal) and husband Richard of Tewksbury, MA, Timothy Gendron and wife Susan of Danville, VA. and Thomas Gendron of Scottsdale, AZ., sixteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Rita Parent.

George was predeceased by his wife Doris Jeanette (Lauziere) Gendron, his sons David and Andrew and sisters Jeanette Fortin, Florine Cote and Edna Mayo.

The family is grateful for the care he received from Home Health and Hospice Care, Veteran's Health Administration/VA Home Based Primary Care and Sevita Healthcare.

There will be a Mass of celebration at St. Joseph's Church in Claremont, NH at a later date. There will be no calling hours per George's wishes. A private burial will be held at a later date in West Buxton, Maine.

OBITUARY

Paul T. Lomanno



Paul T. Lomanno, 71, of Londonderry, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 7, 2022, from complications associated with advanced dementia. He was born on June 15, 1951, in Quincy, MA, a son of the late Dominic and Bernadine (Cicerone) Lomanno. He was the oldest and, according to his siblings, "Mom's favorite." Paul was born and raised in Quincy, graduating from Quincy High School in 1968. He graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1974 and was a member of Phi Delta Chi fraternity. He was a licensed pharmacist for many years, working in various drugstores, including Regional Pharmacy in Wrentham, where he met his future wife, Laurel. He went on to work in medical sales for Eli Lilly & Company and, ultimately, Synthes USA as a medical orthopedic consultant for over 30 years. Known for his sarcastic sense of humor, Paul was well-respected by his peers and the medical staff he served.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 49 wonderful years (as Paul would say), Laurel (Plante) Lomanno of Londonderry; two sons, Matthew P. Lomanno and wife Jessica of Hooksett, NH, and Mark J. Lomanno of Reading, PA; and one daughter, Marissa M. Marchegiani and husband Daniel of Malta, NY. He was "Papa" to ten grandchildren: Cecilia, Thomas, Eliana, Anna, Paolo, Maya, Lucas, Nico, Roman, and Anthony. He is also survived by two brothers, David Lomanno of Kingston, MA, and Peter Lomanno of Naples, FL; four sisters, Deborah Doenges of Rutland, VT, Nancy Brandi of Pembroke, MA, Patricia Roche of Hingham, MA, and Diana Pumphrey of Rockland, MA; his two uncles, Anthony Cicerone and Arnold Cicerone; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Geropsychiatric Unit at Elliot Hospital and The Arbors for their care of Paul.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, July 14, at the Peabody Funeral Home, 290 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday July 15, 2022, at 10:30am at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, One South Road, Londonderry, NH with cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to NH Catholic Charities www.cc-nh.org/ or Run to Home Base, Red Sox Foundation <https://runtohomebase.org>.

OBITUARY

Barbara R. (Smead) Smith



Barbara R. (Smead) Smith, 102, formerly of Worcester, MA and Fort Myers, FL died peacefully on June 30, 2022 at the Hanover Hill Heath Care Center in Manchester. Barbara was born in Greenfield, MA to Forrest N. and Mildred R. (Macarty) Smead on July 13, 1919. While growing up, she enjoyed running track, playing basketball, tennis, skiing and becoming a Golden Eagle Girl Scout. Upon Greenfield High School graduation in 1937, she was proud to become an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) which she continued for the rest of her life. Barbara attended Worcester Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing obtaining her Registered Nursing (RN) degree in 1940.

On June 28, 1941, she married Everett P. Smith settling in Worcester after he returned from the service in the Navy. Barbara was a member of the Women's Club at the Worcester First Baptist Church. She and Everett organized, setup and helped to cook barbecues for 40 at their home and church dinners for 300. They also supported the church's Boy Scouts and youth groups.

All her life she liked having vegetables fresh from her garden, growing flowers, feeding birds and going to the ocean, especially York Beach Maine. It was common for her to listen or watch the Red Sox or Celtics while knitting for family and church activities. There was always a jigsaw puzzle in progress nearby. We remember her constant smile, positive kind attitude, and her willingness to support family and friends as a nurse.

After her retirement in FL, she was a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers. She welcomed friends for a cup of tea or cookies and ice cream. She also looked forward to visits of relatives from up-north. Most days included a game of Scrabble or King-In-The-Corner.

She is survived by her sister, Shirley E. Smead of Greenfield, MA, two sons, Alan F. Smith of Worcester, MA and Jeffrey E. Smith and wife Joan of Londonderry, two granddaughters Heather J. Litman and husband Kenneth of Westborough, Mass. and Deborah J. Ingram and husband Philip Sr of Perryville, MD, three great-grandchildren Daniel, Elizabeth and Grace. She is predeceased by her husband Everett in 1997, her sister Phyllis L. Davis and brother Forrest N. Smead Jr.

Following cremation, a graveside service will be held at a later date beside her husband at the North Meadow Cemetery, Greenfield, MA next to the Smead family farm where she grew up. Donations in her memory may be sent to the Col. Timothy Bigelow Chapter, DAR at 315 Depot Rd, Boxborough, MA 01719 c/o Susan McDougall, Treasurer. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Crowds Continue to Flock to Concerts on the Common



The Londonderry Arts Council's Concert on the Common Music Series continued last week with a performance by Veronica Lewis, a blues playing New Hampshire native who celebrated her birthday on July 6. Another record crowd enjoyed the music, the fresh and some birthday cake. Each week Steven and Julie Lee, pictured above, hand out free raffle tickets to attendees.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Kid's Fun Runs Continue After Taking Week Off for Holiday

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) Kid's Summer Fun Runs had their second week of competition on Monday night, July 11 after taking a one-week break due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Another huge group of children of all ages gathered for the races being held on the track at Londonderry High School.

The free races will continue every Monday night through August 1, starting at 6:30 p.m. each week. The club asks that families donate nonperishable food items before each race.

Races are run in several age groups, from two-on-up, but only ages 9-13 are recorded for end-of-season prizes. In the younger age groups, every participant receives a ribbon for competing.

The top three finishers in the second week off races are:

For boys' nine-year-old group, had the same result as the first: Andrew Solovyeva of Hudson was first, Dominic Ambrose of Londonderry was second, and Cooper Cimen of Londonderry was third.

In the girls' nine-year-old group: Harper O'Shea of Londonderry was first, Kendell Cimen of Londonderry was second, and Brooke Reiff of Windham was third.

The boys' 10-year-old group: Markus Cartagena of Danville, was first, Ben Barry of Londonderry was second, and Tyler Barry of Londonderry was third.

In the girls' 10-year-old group: Dannicia Leblanc of Fremont was first for the second straight week, and Meghan and Adelyn Mulaney, of Derry, came in



second and third respectfully.

In the boys' 11-year-old race the results were the same as last week: Mason Blundell of Windham was first, Beckett O'Brien of Londonderry was second and Cameron Cimen of Londonderry was third.

In the girls' 11-year-old race: Emerson Presher of Londonderry

was first, Eva Boutwell of Londonderry, was second, and Addison Ntengeri of Wilton was third.

In the boys' 12-year-old race: Miles Herlicka of New Boston was first, Drake Zatsky of Windham was second and Logan Reiff of Windham was third.

The girls' 12-year-old division had just two

runners: Madison Doherty of Chester once again took first and Jocelyn McGarry of Windham finished in second.

For the boys' 13-year-old group: Joseph Gustavson of Chester took first for the second straight week, Quinn Morrison of Londonderry, was second and Seamus McCabe of Londonderry was third.

There were no girls running in the 13-year-old group this week.

The free series begins each week at 6:30 p.m. at the Londonderry High School track. The program continues July 19, 26, and Aug. 2.

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Ovation Theatre Company Presents “Something Rotten!”

The must-see musical event of the summer is next week’s southern New Hampshire premiere of the Broadway smash hit “Something Rotten!” The Broadway production was lauded by audience members and critics alike, receiving 10 Tony Award nominations and hailed by Time Out New York as “the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years.”

Ovation Theatre Company, who packed the Londonderry Town

Common for Mamma Mia! last July, brings this summer’s wildly comedic, dance-packed spectacle indoors to the Derry Opera House. Welcome to the Renaissance and the outrageous, crowd-pleasing musical farce, Something Rotten! Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as “The Bard.” When a local

soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world’s very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz. Both fans of Shakespeare and those less enthused by him will delight in his over-the-

top portrayal and the many references, both reverent and irreverent, to his works. Adam Furgal, who brings the bard to life on stage, loves that “from heart-touching tender moments to crying from laughter at the drop of a hat, there is something to be enjoyed at every twist and turn. It is an absolute blast to work on this hysterical material and make Shakespeare the rock star that he is with such a talented and well-rounded team.”

Musical theatre enthusiasts will enjoy spotting the countless references in the lyrics, text, song and dance of Something Rotten! to popular musicals such as Hamilton, Chicago, Les Misérables, and many more. Choreographers Katy Gore and Adam Furgal have interwoven iconic dance moves from at least 30 different musicals and challenge you to find as many as you can. Gore describes it as “a laugh-



Cast members of Ovation Theatre Company’s have been rehearsing “Something Rotten!” since May and will be performing for audiences next week. Photo by Chris Paul

till-your-sides-hurt kind of show from beginning to end with something for everyone. The choreography draws inspiration from everything from both classic and modern musical theatre to 70s pop and even old-school boy bands. It has been a dream show of mine to choreograph for years, and it has been the most joyful experience watching this phenomenally talented cast bring my vision to life.”

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Ovation Theatre Company draws talent from all over southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. They will present the musical comedy "Something Rotten!" at the Derry Opera House starting on Friday, July 22.

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Ovation

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Something Rotten! features an accomplished cast of actors ages 15-55 drawn from all over southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. The creative team is Director

Meg Gore, Music Director Sarah Herron, Choreographers Katy Gore and Adam Furgal, Stage Manager Tim Gore and Assistant Stage Managers Avenley Allen, Audrey Labbe, Abby Parnell and Elizabeth Sosa.

The cast includes Ava Amaro, Alyssa

Beaulieu, Betsy Brown, Jennifer Brown, Chloe Ferraro, Dan Gore, Katy Gore, Aidan McKivergan, Justin Millis, Madeline Rolfe, Joseph Smith, Maddie Tufts, Mason Turek and Randy Williams of Londonderry; Ella Burroughs, Emma Cate, Evelyn Morin, Landon Sprague,

Zoe Sternberg and Jonathan

Uber of Hampstead; Ryan Carrigan, Tony Gallo and Bryn Steinmetz of Derry; Debra Hernandez of Chester, Adam Furgal of Auburn, Cailean Anderson and Samantha Weis of Hud-

son, Seanna Kelly and Ezra Sherwood of Manchester, Max Von Markgraf of Merrimack, Cecily Schultz of Epsom and Emma Barnaby, Jonna Barnaby and Zac Barnaby of Pepperell, Mass.

"Something Rotten!" will be presented on Fri-

day, July 22, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 23 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry. Tickets are \$20 through July 15 and \$25 beginning July 16 and are on sale at ovationtc.com.



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Letters

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about instead of district's lawyers lobbying to set laws than Moira Ryan will be who NH citizens needs in their corner.

Sincerely,
Shannon Bouchard
Londonderry

Roger Fillio for State Representative

To the editor,
In this election, there is an additional district that will appear on the Londonderry and Windham ballots due to redistricting for state representatives. The new

"float" district is Rockingham 35 and there is one representative allocated between the two towns. For the Republican primary, two candidates will appear, Roger Fillio from Londonderry, and Julius Soti from Windham. I support

Roger Fillio. I've known Roger for several years and know he will represent the district well as a conservative and a commonsense representative. He has served with distinction on several town committees and is a member of the Londonderry Fish and Game Club. Being an effective representative requires significant time at the state house and on committees. It also requires time to oversee the county budget. I know Roger will fight for the values Londonderry and

Windham need to keep them great places to live.

I strongly urge your support for Roger Fillio at the September 13th primary.

Doug Thomas
State Representative,
Londonderry

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Farewell

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tions, Town Manager, Mike Malagut said, "Lisa Drabik served as both the Human Resources Director and Assistant Town Manager. We are evaluating a number of different options to fulfill these two important functions going forward. Following Chief Hart's retirement, Deputy Chief Kim Bernard will fulfill the duties of chief. Decisions concerning Chief Hart and Lisa Drabik's successors will be made by the Town Council and Town Manager in close consultation and after careful deliberation. While we want to move quickly, the process will not be rushed".

He added, "These departures are a reminder that we are experiencing a period of transition as a Town. While transitions always bring anxiety and growing pains, they also offer the opportunity for growth. The public can be assured we will navigate these transitions in a professional manner and in the best interests of the Town."

Also announced was the retirement of long-time First Responder, Suzanne Roy. Roy is leaving the position of the Fire Department's Executive Assistant after 38-years of service to the town. See her career in Londonderry with the police department.

After the recent departure of the Londonderry Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux, the town has hired Kellie Walsh to fill that position at the end of the month.

Walsh worked as a Town Planner for the town of Epping and is a graduate of Londonderry High School.

She is scheduled to start on July 25.

Ilona Arndt is now the town's new Senior Affairs Director after the recent retirement of Cathy Blash.

LEACH LIBRARY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

The Leach Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 202-A:4c, III relative to the acceptance of unanticipated moneys in excess of \$5,000.

Leach Library has been awarded grant funds totaling \$9,500 from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The grant is made possible by gifts from the Bill and Sheila Steele Fund, Community Fund for the Manchester Region, and Oliver J. Hubbard Manchester Fund.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at a Board of Trustees meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room, 276 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. Contact the library for more information at (603) 432-1132.



LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Londonderry School District will conduct a public hearing regarding the use of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in accordance with RSA198:4-b II. Such funds will be used to fund a one-time retention payment for Support Staff AFSCME Local 1801 and Dining Services staff. The public hearing will take place at the Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH in the Cafeteria on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, at 7 pm. The public is invited to attend.

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Concerts on Common

All Summer Long New England's premier Beach Boys tribute band will play on Londonderry Town Common - 265 Mammoth Road Londonderry, NH on Wednesday July 20 from 7-8:30 p.m. They'll play and sing the hits of this band note-for-note. Put on your Hawaiian shirt to get in the mood for these catchy summer tunes and join us on the Common. In case of bad weather the show will be moved to the Londonderry High School Café.

Howie Newman's Musical Baseball Show

On Monday, July 25 at 7

p.m., join musician and former Red Sox sportswriter Howie Newman for an evening of baseball songs, stories, and trivia at the Leach Library. Registration is required and opens on Monday, July 18 at 9 a.m.

Craft Day

On Monday, July 18, paint your own puppy coin bank at the Leach Library. Sessions are available for ages 0-5 at 10 a.m., ages 6-11 at 1 p.m., and ages 12-18 at 4 p.m. Registration is required and opens on Monday, July 11 at 9 a.m.

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

On Friday, July 29 from

6-8:30 p.m., a special after-hours movie night will be held by the Leach Library in the main reading room. Join the library staff for a showing of the 2021 animated film Encanto (rated PG) along with refreshments and raffle prizes. PJs and costumes are welcome. Registration is required and opens on Friday, July 22 at 9 a.m.

Young Adult Movie Night

On Thursday, July 21 at 5 p.m., young adults entering grades 6-12 can come by the Leach Library to watch the 2020 film Dolittle (rated PG). Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Registration is

required and opens on Thursday, July 14 at 9 a.m.

Wildlife Encounters

On Wednesday, July 27 at 4 p.m., Wildlife Encounters will be at the Leach Library. They will educate the audience about a few of their animal friends (live animals). Registration is required and opens on Wednesday, July 20 at 9 a.m.

Saturday Drop-In Activities

Stop in the Leach Library Children's Room for something fun going on each Saturday through Aug. 6. Every week there will be a different activity to complete at your own pace while the library is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. In July, look forward to scavenger hunts, movies, craft projects, and a special Shark Week celebration. Registration is not required for drop-in activities.

Republicans Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee will meet at 78 Litchfield Rd., on Thursday, July 21, at 7 p.m. Members, friends, and affil-

iates are welcome to come and share their perspectives on today's topics of concern. For more information contact LRC Chairwoman Janet Huttula at Huttula7@comcast.net and go to www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP.

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with statement about your reasons for returning to school, One personal recommendation, Activities, work experience and essay mentioned on application form. Applications must be received by Sept. 30. No late applications will be considered. All finalists might be notified for a personal interview. Recipient will be announced before Dec. 1. The award will be made payable to the recipient. Applications are available at the Leach Library, the Derry Public Library and can be found and downloaded from our website at londonderrywomenclub.org.

Spartans Summer League

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - July 4

10:39 a.m. Peace restored after Juvenile Offenses reported on Seasons Lane.

10:52 a.m. Warning issued during Suspicious Activity on Harvey Road.

12:01 p.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Rockingham Road.

4:34 p.m. Domestic Disturbance Investigated by three officers on Pinyon Place.

Tuesday - July 5

12:07 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

9:01 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments. Richard Eugene Dissinger, 69, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Threats Against a Person.

11:24 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Life Storage on Smith Lane.

12:14 p.m. Services rendered for a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Airport Road at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:26 p.m. Arrest made by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Woodbine Drive. Debi Lyn Kassin, 50, of Londonderry, charged with: Criminal Mischief; Simple Assault; and Domestic Violence - Criminal Threat - Fear of Bodily Injury.

Wednesday - July 6

9:13 a.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at Hubbell on Aviation Park Drive.

11:42 a.m. Neighborhood Disputes results in an arrest made on Sanborn Road.

1:11 p.m. Warrant Served and an arrest made on Park Grove Avenue in Los Angeles, CA. Angeles Maribel Montes Col in, 34, of Los Angeles, CA, charged with Willful Concealment, Theft of over \$1,500.

1:36 p.m. Services rendered by five officers for a Disturbance on South Road at Chase Road.

6:14 p.m. Identity Theft investigated on Stokes Road.

10:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Shasta Drive.

Thursday - July 7

12:08 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Game Changer Sports Bar & Grill on Orchard View Drive.

9:25 a.m. Missing Person investigated on Constitution Drive.

12:21 p.m. Four officers respond to an Assault at Hotworks on Nashua Road and make two arrests. Amanda Pinksten, 31, of Derry, charged with: Robbery; Criminal Trespass; Simple Assault - Physical Contact or Bodily Injury; and Theft by Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000. Christine

Pinksten, 63, of Derry charged with: Criminal Trespass; Robbery; and Simple Assault - Physical Contact or Bodily Injury.

1:12 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated by three officers at Spectrum Gymnastics Academy on Buttrick Road

2:24 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on Stonehenge Road

3:33 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Sanborn Road.

5:44 p.m. Peace Restored during a Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive.

6:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made at Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road.

Eraldo Magalhaed, 60, of Dracut, Mass. charged with Operating without a Valid License - License Required.

6:31 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Adams Road.

7:41 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Moose Hill Orchards on Mammoth Road.

Friday - July 8

1:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest by three officers on Nashua Road at Winding Pond Road. Austin Cusick, 26, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

8:53 a.m. Services rendered

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partans.com website, contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com, or call 603-926-2276.

Classic Car Show

The Aviation Museum's annual Classic Car Show takes place on Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain date is Saturday, July 23.) Vehicles of all makes and eras are welcome, including odd or unusual conveyances. It's a great chance for proud owners to show off their completed projects or works in progress, and for the public to check out some amazing rides from all over New England. For more information about the Car Show or the Aviation Museum, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or

call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

ACE Tennis

ACE Tennis Academy is a two week progressive program designed by Coaches Betty and Sam Mak, to teach players how to master skills and move onto the NEXT Level of tennis. This Program is open to ages 9 - 17, with previous tennis instruction/experience and knows the basic ground strokes. It will be held from July 25 - 29 & Aug. 1 - 5, from 9 - 11 a.m., at Londonderry Town Rec Tennis Courts. It costs \$185 per week or \$350 for both. Interested? Email acetenniscademy88@gmail.com.

Derry Homegrown

The Derry Homegrown

Farm & Artisan Market is now open every Wednesday, Rain or Shine at 1 West Broadway, Derry. Close of Season is Sept. 28. For more info, contact Derry Homegrown at: info@derryhomegrown.org, 603-479-5918, derryhomegrown.org, facebook.com/derryhomegrown or instagram.com/derryhomegrown

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on; July 20, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of 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. Any questions contact Kristin Grages, Supervisors of the Checklist at 603-432-1100, ext 198.

50+ Softball

Enjoy a fun night out and play some softball. Looking primarily for Londonderry residents at least 50 years old to play in our town softball league, although some non-residents may be eligible. The Group plays on Tuesday nights at Londonderry's Nelson Rd., field starting

the end of April and going until September/October. If interested or need more information contact Jim Edwards at 603-432-5720 or email him at jimedwards48@comcast.net.

LHS Hall of Fame Nominations Wanted

The Londonderry High School Hall of Fame Committee is looking for nominees for the 2022 induction ceremony this fall. Residents are invited to nominate anyone that has been a student; staff member; or community member that have graduated from LHS. The only restriction for nominees is that candidates need to have graduated five years prior to their induction. Information and applications can be found at lhs.londonderry.org under the "Informa-

tion" tab. From there click on "LHS Hall of Fame" in the pull-down menu. Any questions about the process can be directed to Crystal Rich at: crich@londonderry.org.

Women's Club

Looking to join a club? The Londonderry Women's Club brings diverse women together, creating an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism. If you would like more information about the Londonderry Women's Club or are thinking about joining this wonderful group, check them out on Facebook, visit our website at www.londonderrywomensclub.org or email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

Police Log

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dered to keep the peace on Woodbine Drive.

10:15 a.m. Assault investigated by three officers on Old Derry Road.

3:09 a.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Oakridge Drive.

4:36 p.m. Suspicious ac-

tivity investigated by four officers at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

6:59 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

Saturday - July 9

12:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by four officers on High Range Road

at Davis Drive.

2:27 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Woodside Drive. Michael Joseph Valentino, 56, of Londonderry, charged with: Conduct After an Accident; and Simple Assault - Physical Contact or Bodily Injury.

5:01 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on

Arlington Shore Drive, Salem. Justin Brouillette, 32, of Salem, charged with Domestic Violence - Simple Assault, Physical Contact.

11:10 p.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance on Harvey Road.

Sunday - July 10

12:38 a.m. A motor vehicle stop on Stonehenge

Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Robert Parrella, 61, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

2:01 a.m. Three officers respond to suspicious activity on Harvey Road resulting in transportation to a hospital.

9:48 a.m. Suspicious

Activity investigated at the U.S. Post Office.

11:43 a.m. Disturbance on Pillsbury Road investigated by four officers.

12:04 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Harvey Road.

8 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Mammoth Road at Buckthorn Street.

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