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Class of 2021 graduates celebrate at the end of the commencement ceremony held at the Londonderry High School football field on Friday night, June 11. Photo by Chris Paul

High School Holds 2021 Graduation at Lancer Park

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Class of 2021 celebrated its graduation ceremony last Friday night on the school campus, at Lancer Park, for the second time in as many years.

There were 333 seniors listed to receive diplomas that evening and in a year full of tribulation, most were eager to put their high school

life behind them and head out on future paths.

A somber moment was taken during the event for a popular student of the 2021 class, Jake Naar, passed a few months prior to his graduation, and a honorary diploma was presented to Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan in his absence. The diploma was then placed at a seat dedicated to him among his classmates.

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Residents Demand School District to Unmask Students

KAITLIN BEDELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In recent weeks, Londonderry parents and residents have been trying to end the school district's mask mandate for students indoors.

Resident Meaghan Lloyd founded the "Unmask Our Children" group on Facebook and said she started it after her, along with other parents, felt the school board was not communicating well enough regarding their mask policy.

At the most recent School Board meeting, on June 8, 19 speakers came forward in front of

board members to express their disagreement with the current mask policy.

After all of the speakers voiced their concerns, Member Bob Slater made a motion to make masks optional in schools.

"I don't feel as a school board member that I have the right to tell a parent that their child has to wear a mask," Slater said.

None of the other board members seconded the motion to vote.

Vice Chair Jenn Ganem said she did not vote to lift the mandate because she "trusts the

experts" and wants to continue to follow the guidance of health officials.

"I was very disappointed, and I know a lot of other people were very disappointed," Lloyd said. "At the end of the day it just felt like they disregarded everything the parents had to say."

Since the recent meeting, Lloyd said her Facebook group has "exploded" and is now up to 400 members.

"I think it really says a lot about what the parents of this town are ultimately looking for next

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Planning Looks at Regulation on Water Access, Quality, Cost

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With water being a prominent issue in terms of availability and quality, including issues with PFAS, officials are exploring possible municipal water regulation.

According to the town attorney, the town can enact a reasonable requirement for extension of municipal water utilities. "[But] we can't require someone to extend a water utility... over a private site or private land," Town Planner Colleen Mailloux told members of the Planning Board during a discussion at the June 9 virtual meeting.

Among surrounding communities, Merrimack, Salem, and Hooksett have no specific provisions on extending water, she noted.

Bedford and Derry do. That is based on Bedford's subdivision regulations as to the number of new subdivision lots and overall distance from the nearest water main. Its availability is based on a public water supply being within a public right of way, she said.

For new lots created in Bedford there must be a connection made for nonresidential development if water is available. However, this doesn't specify any extension.

Under Derry's site

plan, the provision is similar as to connecting if there is water although again no extension is implied, Mailloux pointed out. Water is only required to serve fire hydrants within 1,000 feet of a water main. Extension for fire hydrants no more than 500 feet from a development is also required.

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Town Council Reviews Mack's Apples Proposed Lease

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Londonderry's Assistant Town Solicitor Mike Malaguti presented a proposed lease on behalf of Kyle Chrestensen for a portion of the Mack's Apples property under ownership of the town at the most recent June 7 Town Council meeting.

The town is currently undergoing the process of buying five acres of the 114 Pillsbury Road property for municipal purposes and the back 21 acres will be reserved as conservation area. The closings for these deals are scheduled to be finalized by July 2.

According to Malaguti, "everything is proceeding according to plan."

Malaguti said that it could be 10-15 years plus until the town identifies a specific use for the municipal parcel.

"In the meantime, the town doesn't wanna be in the apple business and we all know what unmaintained orchards look like," Malaguti said.

Malaguti and Chrestensen are proposing a lease that "satisfies both the town's interest and the orchard's interests."

According to Malaguti, the proposed lease is for agricultural purposes only.

As proposed, the lease would last for only one year and would end on the date of the property transfers to the town. The lease would then be re-signed in one-year increments for the 10 additional years unless either party opts out.

Under the proposal, Malaguti said Chrestensen wants the opportunity to terminate the agreement for cause or no cause and that the town is restricted to a six-month time period before termination.

"There is a certain investment that takes place to the orchard early in the season," Malaguti said. "If we

were to accept the benefit of that investment and then you turn around and terminate the lease mid-season, that would be unjust."

Rent for the property would be one dollar and Moose Hill would be entitled to the profit generated from its agricultural activities that take place on the property.

Malaguti said that there were several material conditions in the lease including the preservation of the apple trees with good agricultural practices as well as maintaining the land as open space.

The proposal includes the growth of plant

products for domestic or commercial use, the growing stock and cutting or sale of Christmas trees which do not impact the apple trees, and the processing sale of products made on the property.

According to the agreement, Chrestensen will be required to allow public access to the property during "reasonable hours" which do not impair his ability to maintain the property.

Malaguti said that his purpose for presenting the proposed lease to the council was to "hear their input" and see if they would like to see any revisions made in

the lease.

The council had no further questions regarding the lease being proposed and did not make mention of any revisions.

Chairman John Farrell said that the Conservation Commission will follow a similar lease for their portion of the property which will be presented at their next meeting.

Both Chrestensen's proposal as well as the conservation's will face the Town Manager for his signature. After his approval, both leases will then come back to the Town Council for final approval.

Planning Board Conditionally Approves Storage Unit at Towing Lot

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board has given conditional approval to a site plan amendment for construction of a 3,900-square-foot garage/storage unit, impound lot, and associated site improvements at Four Enterprise Drive (Tax Map 15, Lot 62-1), zoned commercial-II. Enterprise Drive Recovery, LLC, is the owner, and Bauchman's Towing, Inc., the applicant.

The board acted at the June 9 meeting having continued consideration of this application from its May meeting pending an

engineering review on the site design in conformance with town standards, and state, driveway, and DOT permits.

The final vote was 7-0 with Town Council Liaison Deb Paul recusing herself because of the applicant having recently advertised in The Londonderry Times of which she is the owner and publisher.

Prior to the vote the applicant indicated the Department of Environmental Services, DOT, and Londonderry sewer discharge permits had been submitted, Assistant Public Works Director John Trottier told

the board. A Londonderry storm water permit was received.

The town's engineering and public works staff did not support the site plan waiver request to allow an internal gravel driveway for access to the rear of the building rather than having a paved surface as regulations require. By its own acknowledgement the owner is not putting in the pavement because of the expense.

Member Roger Fillio stated he would favor gravel as its environmental aspect is preferable to a hard surface for vehicle circulation as

long as work can be done at the site without interference. Chairman Arthur Rugg noted gravel generates dust that could pose discomfort for users of the neighboring Rail Trail though Fillio doubted that would result with the amount of vegetation present.

Administrative Executive Bruce Hallowell also commented that he thought heavy vehicles would do damage over time to a paved surface and a gravel drive would be better.

The board voted to approve the applicant's waiver request based on the expense of the additional paved area.

The Conservation Commission previously recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

The project's objectives are an outdoor storage area, three parking spaces, driveway access and pavement limit, and achieving a landscape buffer within a riprap slope.

The outdoor storage area and a wider than maximum driveway were subject to the planning board's approval of the site plan.

Jason Lopez, project manager at Keach-Nordstrom Associates, representing the owner and applicant, said the size of the pavement shoulder was reduced, the pavement elevation adjusted, the emergency spillway removed from the pond, and an operation and maintenance manual was provided for the storm water.

This project is con-

sidered to be two separate sites that can function separately. Its use is as an impound lot and for storage.

There is no need for public access as the location is only accessed by Bauchman's Towing staff in storing and retrieving cars on the impound lot.

Receiving all utility clearance letters was an additional condition for approval. However, the applicant was not able to secure installation from Comcast before the project's work is completed.

Consequently, internet and phone service will not be provided to the site at this time although cable service might be added in the future if arrangements could be made through Comcast.

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School District Amending Behavioral, Discipline, Records Procedures

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School System is amending regulations governing student behavior standards and discipline, code of conduct, and retention of school records. The changes to take effect July 1 were unveiled at the School Board meeting June 8.

Policies JG on Student Behavior Standards Code of Conduct, JG-R on Student Code of Conduct, and JICD on Student Discipline and Due Process are being revised to be in accord with the new regulations.

Henceforth the school district will be required to consider a behavior inter-

vention plan for any student who is suspended upon their return.

The superintendent's ability to suspend also is limited beyond an additional 10 days. The authority to do that used to extend beyond that added time period.

With this new limitation, beyond any added days, a student would have to return to school or come before the school board for expulsion depending on the behavioral violation.

Regarding Policies JRA on Student Education Records and Information and JRA-R on Student Education Records and Information – Administrative Procedure, the two changes here pertain

to special records destruction. The new requirement will be to destroy all school records upon the student turning 26.

In other business, board member Bob Slater stated the school facilities report is about to be delivered and Superintendent Scott Laliberte wants to meet with the subcommittee the week of June 21 to review the report. The objective then is to have a presentation on it at the July 13 school board meeting.

Separately, Slater said the prior site of the school district office may function in that capacity again. The two-story building is still available and infrastructure wouldn't be neces-

sary there as at a new location.

The Town Council would have to give its approval and have a facilities study conducted. This would be made part of the overall five-year plan, noted board Chair Michael Saucier.

In addition, two study committees are being initiated over the summer, Laliberte reported. One is an administrator compensation study to look at pay and the benefits package compared to other districts.

Administrators don't operate under a collective bargaining agreement. Two school board members will serve on this committee.

The other study

group will examine class size. Teachers and parents will be asked to offer input. A report of the findings would be submitted prior to the next budget season.

Among honored faculty, at the meeting Nancy LaPorte of North Londonderry Elementary School was recognized as New Hampshire Music Teacher of the Year. The state's Music Education Association acknowledges one teacher for this distinction each year. A 36-year member of the music community, she leads her school's band program.

The school board also recognized the retirements of teachers

Lynne Cannon at Moose Hill School and Susan MacLennan at Matthew Thornton.

Cannon, a special education assistant, was in the Londonderry School District for 24 years, 19 of them at Moose Hill. She was a longtime kindergarten special assistant.

MacLennan, who worked in all elementary grade levels, began as a full-time special education assistant in second grade. She was at Matthew Thornton for more than 20 years working both at the classroom level and in one-on-one instruction.

The board's next regular meeting is June 22 at 7 p.m. at LHS.

Water

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Individual lots don't have to be connected.

Different communities must decide if it makes sense cost wise to connect to public water. In cases where extension of a water main was not financially feasible, the option of a community well system has been used rather than individual wells.

If a requirement to connect exists, there may be additional questions of needing booster pumps or booster stations or similar provisions. Engineering feasibility, elevation differences, obtaining easements, or physical impediments may be other factors, said Assistant Public Works Director John Trotter.

Vice Chair Chris Davies thought the Bedford regulations seemed the most comprehensive in covering fire and water service though residential water is a bigger issue in being able to hook up. Bedford also addresses service pressure in spite of engineering difficulties in doing that.

Requiring water systems can raise housing prices, said member Jake Butler, and he would be curious about that financial aspect, particularly in four or five house subdivisions as opposed to a 100-house subdivision.

Cost is a factor but water quality concern is growing over PFAS among residents, member Ann Chiampa said.

A separate matter is whether the fire depart-

ment would prefer hydrants rather than residential sprinklers for houses. "The most effective means of getting water to a fire is through a fire hydrant," Administrative Ex-Officio Bruce Hollowell stated. Home sprinklers are a means of egress out of a house but not to put a fire out.

Londonderry's continued development results in more drawing off of a similar underground water table, he added, and the need to consider public utilities. That is in addition to PFAS pollution, arsenic, and other chemicals introduced and the subsequent need for water filtration systems.

Ex-Officio Deb Paul called for having hydrants within developments because of the close density of houses. Adding extra

hydrants is something the town should be getting money for to offset the cost, she said. "We really need to come up with our own hybrid mixing both worlds, private and public [a private water company and Pennichuck] to be able to accomplish what we need to."

"We really need to understand what the difference is for a homeowner who is paying a water bill when it makes sense for them to have a well in their backyard

versus tapping into a municipal water system," said member Lynn Wiles.

The cost could either be borne up front by the developer or by the homeowner later, member Jason Knights also emphasized.

Developers don't pay anything they don't pass on to someone else, said member Roger Fillio. They charge more when building houses or otherwise receive a tax break from the state, federal government, or the town.

Availability, cost of municipal water, and the site usually govern whether developers are looking for easy access to public water or want to install private wells.

On the matter of considering water service regulations, Londonderry would have to look at whether they'd apply, what actions the Public Utilities Commission might take, and see how many local developments could be required to connect.

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Editorial

Getting the Full Story

How many of us find ourselves irritated or offended by comments on Facebook or other social media sites? It's important to be in the know about big traffic jams on I-93, sightings of multiple emergency vehicles, school busses stopped on the side of the road, and icy road conditions during the winter. However, this information is often followed by rumors, half-truths, and anonymous comments. Sometimes the facts are there, but the material we read is often based on opinion and speculation.

Depending where you click, you might get the story. Or, you might be treated to somebody's idea of the story, which lacks facts all together. Although there has been talk about the Internet being the death of the newspaper, we don't buy it. We know now that this will only be the case with the 'big ones' and their weeklies that only pretend to be local. Privately owned community and local weeklies will soon be the only reliable source of information.

Social media postings can catch and keep our attention by providing real-time content, but they create rumors, suspicions, and conspiracy theories, making it difficult to tell truth from fiction. This is not the case in community newspapers, though, which are based on facts, people, and places we all know.

What you read in print may not be as exciting as the latest social media posting, but it's factual, and if we make a mistake, we correct it in the next edition.

The purpose of a community newspaper is to report the facts and educate rather than to speculate or start rumors, even though we're all tempted to sometimes. While reporters are asked to investigate rumors, readers will never see stories containing information that has not been proven to be true.

We do not create news. We cover what will happen and what has happened publicly.

While sites like Facebook don't have word count limitations, they cater to the short attention spans we've developed since the advent of the Internet. If you want to find out what really happened, pick up a community newspaper. You may not like what an article says, but it's based on the facts.

We also tend to forget about the personal aspect of community newspapers. Nutfield Publishing's publications are committed to reporting and photographing what happens in their respective towns. Our reporters, photographers, and owners live in the area and are familiar faces as they attend and support community endeavors. We aren't anonymous - you know where to find us. When you support us, you support a local business.

So, go ahead and check out social media. We all do it. We even have Facebook pages for our newspapers. But, if you want to read about what really happens in your community, you can't beat a community newspaper.

Letters

193 Noise Problem Needs Town Attention

To the editor,
My wife and I live at 5 Trolley Car Lane in Londonderry. We and other residents recently brought the I93 noise problem to the attention of the Town Council.

The noise level is continuous throughout the day and night with sound levels exceeding 70 dBA. We expected the noise problem to be reduced at the completion of Rebuilding I93, but NH-DOT has decided to delay building the noise barrier until after construction of exit 4A. We had every reason to expect work to begin on the noise barrier when I93 reopened several months ago.

The noise barrier is required in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, but NH-DOT decided not build the noise barrier for their convenience during construction of 4A. We understand 4A is seriously over budget, and even if funding was found, no work on it and the noise barrier is planned before 2023. NH-DOT made this decision without consulting with the Town Officials and the people affected by the noise pollution. We believed the construction of the noise barrier at the completion of I93 work to be a good faith agreement.

The Town Council promised to contact NH-DOT administration to get the noise barrier constructed as soon as possible, and if necessary, bring this to the attention of the Governor.

Daniel Bragg
Londonderry

New Rail Trail Signage

To the editor,
Londonderry Rail Trail enthusiasts have encountered some new signage alongside and directly on the trail pavement recently, as Londonderry Trailways kicks off a campaign to promote Safety Awareness. During popular times of the day, especially on weekends in nice weather, it can get quite busy on the trail with people walking, jogging, skating, biking and riding various other wheeled devices. The new signage is designed to acquaint everyone with a few "rules of the road" to educate and to help you make sure your visit is both enjoyable and problem-free.

With the aid of the Londonderry Times, we will be sharing safety messages and more information about future development as well as Londonderry trail history. We also wish to thank John Trottier and his Highway Crew from the Town's Public Works Department who performed the line striping last month at road crossings and trailheads: Karl Anderson, Bob Carter, Keith Chavanelle, Adam Pushee, and Bill Payson. Thank you gentlemen!

Paul Margolin
Londonderry
Trailways

Thank You Volunteers

To the editor,
The Beautify Londonderry Committee would like to thank all of our dedicated community volunteers who participated in our April-May roadside cleanup event. Throughout the three weeks over

150 volunteers helped collect up 360 bags of trash from our Londonderry streets! In the Kings, neighbors created a second beautiful perennial garden and cleaned up an established bed in their traffic circles. Groups who participated together ranged from scouts to school groups to neighbors helping each other. We would like to give special thanks to: volunteers from Stonyfield and Admix, two companies who are dedicated to yearly cleanup; Embroidery Creations for their funds donated to help offset our t-shirts and vests for volunteers; Shady Hill Greenhouses for their donation of mulch for the garden projects; Trevor O'Brien for organizing area small businesses; and a few highly dedicated volunteers who went out for multiple trips to clean our roads. The wildflowers are now growing abundantly but you can always do your part to care for the road near your home to ensure Londonderry stays beautiful.

Sincerely,
Joy Muller, John Loker, John Mahon and Laura Hajjar
Beautify Londonderry Planning Committee

There's Something Happening Here

To the editor,
Where can you go to meet with like-minded people who want to address issues such as gerrymandering, voter suppression, big money politics, tax equity, and open government. Well, a group of Democratic Town Chairs created an independent political

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Town Raises Money for Handicap Playground Improvement

KAITLIN BEDELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council discussed the acceptance of donated funds for playground improvement in the town of Londonderry during their June 7 meeting.

Recreation Director Art Psaledas came before the council to talk about money that has been raised by citizens for the adaption of the playground.

Psaledas said a Londonderry resident came to him with a proposal to do a fundraiser to "make the playground more inclusive" for children with handicaps and disabilities.

"It's not easy raising money but the money has been coming in," Psaledas said.

After raising some money within the community, Psaledas said the citizen is looking to purchase a swing seat which is designed for children with disabilities.

"We're looking to start with something small," Psaledas said.

"It's hoped that as this goes on there will be more people that want to donate and make this program even bigger.

Town Councilor Deb Paul brought up a program she had heard of which donates playground materials to organizations with "compelling stories."

Paul had mentioned possibly working with the High School's recycling team to run collections to help them increase their chances of receiving a donation through the program.

"We were thinking about doing that, so that plays out perfectly because now we have the compelling story," Paul said. "I'm excited, this is great."

Councilor Tom Dolan said that before expanding the organization and receiving larger amounts of donations, the council should consider where the raised money is held.

"I've been at this long enough to see money be raised and then the

accounting of the money gets soft and some of the money ends up slipping through the organization's fingers," Dolan said.

Dolan suggested creating an account in the town's records where the money could be secured so that the money is legally accounted for.

"We don't want it to be under somebody that

just has a grey box with a buckle on it in the backseat of their car," Dolan said. "Not to disparage anybody's honesty but when you're holding cash, it can become very difficult to manage."

Dolan said the council should speak with the Town Manager and Finance Director to find a way to keep "accountability" on the money.

According to Dolan, there was a situation years ago in town where citizens raised money for a hockey rink to be put in on the town commons and money was lost.

"We have a new level of ethics and doing the right thing in the community," Dolan said. "There was a lot of money donated for that and poof it all went away. No one really knows what happened to the money and that's what I don't want to see

happen again."

Vice-Chairman Joe Green agreed that Dolan's suggestion should continue to be discussed by the board as the program grows but made the point that it is a separate issue from what Psaledas came to the council for.

The council made a motion to accept \$1,049 in unanticipated funds for the improvement of the playground, and the council unanimously approved it.

OBITUARY

Sharon Mary Williams



Sharon Mary Williams, 79, of Londonderry, NH, died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH. She was born in Buffalo, NY on May 20, 1942, a daughter of Frank and Jeanette (Smith) Galley.

Sharon had many hobbies that she enjoyed; sewing, crafting, traveling, storytelling. Her warmth and kindness helped her create friendships wherever she was. Sharon had a fighting spirit and resiliency to be envied. It is her selflessness, giving nature, and unconditional love for her family that truly define Sharon and her legacy.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Jack Williams of Londonderry; four daughters, Kelly Howard and husband Robert of Woolwich, ME, Tricia Regan and husband Todd of Libertyville, IL, Marti Pegnam and husband Jack of Deerfield, NH and Julie Mosgrober and husband Kris, also of Deerfield; ten grandchildren, Matthew and his wife Bethany, Evan, Jane, Emily, Katie, Jack, Will, Paige, Molly and Jason; two great-grandchildren, Lincoln and Oliver; sister, Karen Biesinger and husband James of Tonawanda, NY; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her brother, John Galley.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, June 15, in St. Jude Parish. The burial will be held privately at a later time in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers or memorial contributions, please consider donating blood in Sharon's name.

OBITUARY

Mark E. Patton



Mark E. Patton, 64, of Londonderry, NH passed away Wednesday June 9, 2021 at his residence after a courageous eighteen-month battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Mark was born Jan. 29, 1957 in Washington, DC and was a son of Josephine Patton, née Urbanic, and her late husband, Charles. He

was raised and educated in Harleysville, Pennsylvania, was a graduate of Montgomeryville Community College, received his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Drexel University and his Master's degree in Engineering from Northeastern University. Mark was a resident of Londonderry for the last 36 years.

As a rising electrical engineer, Mark was named the New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers Young Engineer of the Year in 1986. He worked for BAE Systems as an Electrical Engineer for 29 years, before starting his own internet marketing consulting business with WSI. An avid hiker, he hiked all 48 of the 4,000'+ peaks in New Hampshire, as well as several peaks within the US National Park System alongside his family. Mark shared his love of all things Disney with his wife Christine and they frequently visited Disney Parks together, including their wedding at the Grand Floridian Chapel in 2012.

Members of the family include his wife of nine years, Christine Patton, née Passi, his daughter Miranda Ruth Patton of Somerville, MA, his brother Kevin C. Patton of Willowick, OH, his step-daughter, Sarah Ann Rook, of Manchester, NH, his step-son, Eric Rook of Amherst, NH, and his two grandchildren, Cherokee Ann Rook and Nico Christopher James Poulin.

After cremation, memorial calling hours will be held Saturday June 19, from 3 - 6 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. The family requests that masks are not required for those fully vaccinated and required for those not fully vaccinated. A memorial service will be held at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 126 Pillsbury Rd., Sunday June 20, at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club, 10 City Square Boston, MA 02119. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Graduation

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The graduation ceremony opened with the National Anthem performed by seniors Haley Hines, Maya Lincoln and Emily Thomas. Followed by welcoming remarks by Principal Jason Parent, who began by announcing those who would be entering the armed forces after graduating.

Adhvika Arunkumar was the first student to address the audience; she was the third honors student and reminisced about the class's challenges over past year and her journey through high school. She reminded her classmates they need to find a way to flourish in the future and keep from languishing.

LHS teacher Michael Miller was the Faculty Speaker that evening, and gave a motivating

speech of what the future holds for the Class of 2021.

Senior Nicole Raza took the stage and performed a beautiful rendition of "I'll Always Remember You," to the cheers of her classmates.

Director of School Counseling, Maureen O'Dea and Curriculum Coordinator Kim Lindley-Soucy then announced the Scholarship recipients. There was over \$137,000 was awarded to seniors.

Jason Parent then spoke again telling the graduates the he could honestly say that this was one of his favorite classes during his 13 year tenure.

"The reason for this is because you are such a kind and compassionate group of young men and women. You're one of the nicest classes you'll ever come across," Parent said.

Salutatorian Caden

Elghazal took the stage, and thanked his family members for all help they gave him over the course of the school year. He also mentioned the issues the class had to deal with during the COVID-19 quarantine, reading five books, then never reading another. He also mentioned the tragic losses of Jake Naar and Kate Sherwood and noted how the class was able to adapt and overcome obstacles throughout the year.

Elghazal ended with how these things made students stronger, "We aren't just the Class of 2021, we're the family of 2021."

Also addressing the crowd was the Class President and Valadictorian Madison Walden, who was the first female student to ever hold both positions at Londonderry High School.

Walden spoke fondly

of the "Recs," saying that it was somewhere that brought the class together. She also remembered Jake Naar, "Jake was someone who took all the bad, so many of us had to pour out into our high school experiences and everyday lives and make it something we should have been able to see all along. He was just someone who had that effect on people."

She finished by saying that this class is kindest and most thoughtful

group of students the school's teachers have ever taught, that means a whole lot more than the class could ever imagine. She reminded the class that they were a small part of a monumental whole, and to never forget that.

The Class Officers presented the school with the class gift, which will be funding a senior section of the school cafeteria. The area will be outfitted with high top tables depicting designs to honor Councilor Kate

Sherwood and Jake Naar.

Andrew Johnson was the final student performer of the evening. Johnson played piano and sang a mash-up rendition of "I Lived"/"A Million Dream"/"Forever Young."

Following that, diplomas were handed out to the class by Parent and the former students celebrated their departure from the high school with jubilation.

See additional photos on page 5 and 8.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Baseball Team's Run for Second Straight Title Ends

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School varsity baseball team's

attempt to win their second consecutive Division I title was ended by the Winnacunnet last week, due

to some timely hitting by the Warriors and some late inning miscues by the Lancers.

The LHS squad was only able to garner three hits over the seven inning semifinal game at Lancer Park, while the Warriors were able to get eight hits off two Londonderry pitchers for the 3-0 win.

The Warriors moved onto the Division I title game three days later in Nashua where they were handed a 4-0 loss by the Concord High School Crimson Tide.

In the game played on Wednesday, June 9, the Lancers were coming off a dramatic home win in the quarterfinals against the Pinkerton Academy Astros, where senior outfielder Gavin Parent hit a walk-off, two-run homerun to send the team into celebration mode and onto

the semifinals.

Senior Ryan Killelea got the start at the mound for LHS and he had a strong five-inning performance. Killelea face 23 batters and only gave up five hits and two walks before fellow senior Owen MacDonnell was called in to replace him in the sixth inning.

In the sixth inning, with the game still knotted at zero, Killelea gave up a single to the leadoff batter who scorched the ball past LHS third baseman Johan Pena.

MacDonnell was called from his first base post to take over at the mound where a

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Owen MacDonnell



Zach Rheault makes it safely to second with a double in the third inning. Photos by Chris Paul

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Attention DIY Oil Changers: Don't Be Slick With Your Used Oil

Many New Hampshire residents choose to perform their own oil changes on personal vehicles and other motorized equipment. Do-It-Yourself (DIY) oil changers generate quite a bit of used oil, but how many know what to do with the used oil afterward or the importance of disposing of it properly?

It takes only one pint of oil to produce a one-acre slick on surface water, which may kill plants, fish and other wildlife. One quart of oil may contaminate 250,000 gallons of groundwater and make it unsafe to drink. After use, used motor oil may contain a number of contaminants, including metals and organic chemicals. It is impor-

tant to properly manage your used oil during and after the oil change in order to prevent contamination of surface water and groundwater. When performing your oil changes, make sure you do it over an impervious surface (a surface that does not allow water or other liquids to percolate through, such as pavements) in case there is a spill and sturdy/compatible containers should always be used to collect the oil that is being drained.

After the oil change, the used motor oil should not be disposed of in the trash or on the ground where it may eventually contaminate drinking water supplies. DIY used motor oil can be recycled or

reused. One gallon of used oil can be refined into 2.5 quarts of recycled lubricating oil, whereas it takes 42 gallons of crude oil to produce this same amount of virgin lubricating oil. When meeting the proper specifications, used oil can also be efficiently used as fuel in approved boilers or furnaces.

Here are some easy steps to properly dispose of your used oil after performing an oil change:

- Carefully pour the used oil into a suitable recycling container. You may purchase specially designed containers at an automotive store, or reuse a sturdy, clean (preferably clear) container with a closeable lid. Plastic milk jugs with screw caps work

well.

- Label the container "Used Oil." Do not mix any other wastes – such as paint thinners, gasoline or antifreeze – with the used oil. This will affect the recyclability of the oil and may present a safety hazard.

- Take the filled containers to a collection center for proper recycling:

Most transfer stations have a dedicated storage area for used oil. The transfer station will either use the oil for on-site heating or send it out for recycling. A list of transfer stations collecting DIY used oil can be found here: Municipalities Collecting Household Generated Used Oil www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/uo-businesses-collect-used-oil.pdf. (Always call ahead of time before bringing your used oil to one of these busi-

nesses.)

Used motor oil may also be collected at a municipal household hazardous waste collection day. For more information, dates and locations contact your local municipality.

Some auto parts stores and quick oil change facilities will often accept used oil from do-it-yourselfers. A list of businesses that may collect used oil can be found here: Businesses Collecting Household Generated Used Oil www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/uo-businesses-collect-used-oil.pdf. (Always call ahead of time before bringing your used oil to one of these busi-

If you have larger volumes of used oil, you may need to bring your oil to the transfer station in batches. Most towns place limits on the amount of oil you can drop off at one time.

Note: When determining where to bring your DIY used oil always call ahead; used oil collection policies are subject to change at any time. These disposal options are only for do-it-yourselfers. If you are a business, visit the NHDES Used Oil webpage www.des.nh.gov/waste/hazardous-waste/generation-and-compliance/used-oil for further information on disposal and recycling options.

Baseball

Continued from page 9 sacrifice bunt, a wild pitch and a sac fly led to the first run of the game.

In the bottom of that inning, an error in right field and a walk, with two out, gave the Lancers a chance to tie the game with runners at first and second, but those hopes ended with a fielder's choice to the infield by junior Jack Marshall.

A passed ball by MacDonnell in the top

of the seventh led to the second Warrior run after a single and an infield error.

Another single by the Warriors with two outs gave them a commanding 3-0 lead headed into the Lancers final chance to tie things up.

Despite Pena leading off the inning on second base due to an error by the Winnacunnet centerfielder. Three straight outs followed and the Lancers season ended two days before their seniors would be gradu-

ating at the nearby field.

Lancer seniors MacDonnell, Zach Rheault and Gavin Parent accounted for the only hits for the home team, each had one.

The Warriors were extremely tough at the plate and only struck out three times. They were able to walk three times and get their three runs off eight hits.

Following the game, the Lancers lost nine of their varsity seniors to graduation on Friday night.

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Greater Derry Track Club Hold Kids Fun Funs Again

The Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) recently announced the return of the popular Kids Summer Fun Runs. The series is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on June 21, at the

Londonderry High School Track.

The program is free and continues June 28, July 12, 19, 26, and Aug. 2.

All kids ages two to 92, from any town or city

are welcome. Non-perishable food donations are appreciated to help support local food pantries.

Visit www.gdgc.org to register by June 21, 2021.

Each week, GDTC members lead the kids in stretching out and provide running tips.

Different age groups run various distances on the track. Kids 14 and older and their parents

can challenge each other in the open mile.

Everyone receives participation ribbons compliments of co-sponsor Derry Recreational Department. Co-sponsor Granite State Health

and Fitness Foundation will provide all participants with T-shirts at the end of the series.

Watermelon, water and Gatorade are available. Run just one week or run the entire series.

School

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year and if we continue to not be heard, it's

gonna be a problem," Lloyd said. "I know we have no intentions of backing down from this." Lloyd said that the

speeches made by parents were "full of passion and truly heart-breaking" and that some of them were in tears while telling their stories.

In reaction to the parents, Superintendent Scott Laliberte said in an interview with the Londonderry Times that the school board was put in a "very difficult position" and that they reacted "as well as could be expected."

Laliberte said that it has been "the position of the district since the start of the pandemic to follow the guidance of the state and federal infectious disease experts on matters relative to the safety of students and staff."

"We know the issue of mask wearing is one that has been divisive in many communities across our state," Laliberte said, "While I respect the opinions of those with different views, I continue to believe that listening to these experts is the right course of action for our district."

Some parents who came up to speak said they had fears that wearing the mask could be more harmful than

not. A few of the speakers said they had concerns regarding heat, long-term neurological damage, headaches, and face rashes.

Some of those who spoke in favor of lifting the mask restrictions also said that they don't think they should be mandatory with the current vaccination availability for students and staff.

"Wearing masks doesn't make sense," One speaker said during the meeting. "The science doesn't support it. Give us our rights back."

Another speaker asked the board to "stay off their phones and pay attention" upon standing before the board to speak. He also questioned Assistant Superintendent Dan Black for his involvement in Amherst, NH's school district decision to lift mask requirements.

In a separate interview with the Londonderry Times, Black said that his Amherst "reopening committee" involvement was only through the months of July and early August. He said that since then he has not participated in any of their decision making and that he does not know what the process was like for the district to become mask optional.

"I do not think that the Londonderry community members who made those accusations at the school board meeting did enough research on the topic," Black said.

Lloyd said that she expects a continued presence of parents at the next meeting scheduled to take place on June 22.

The meeting, which typically would be available on the school's

Youtube account, was deleted over the weekend. Laliberte said that the video had been taken down by Youtube because of a "violation of their community guidelines" on grounds of their "Medical misinformation policy."

The message the school board received was that "Youtube does not allow content that explicitly disputes the efficacy of local health authorities or the World Health Organization guidance on social distancing and self-isolation that may lead people to act against guidance."

Laliberte said that the district has appealed Youtube's ruling and that they are working on finding a way to share the video on the school's own website for public access.

On Tuesday, the video was posted on the School District website.

OBITUARY

Brian David Garvin



Brian David Garvin, 28, of Derry, NH, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 12, 2021, at his home in Derry. He was born on Nov. 15, 1992 in Nashua, NH, a son of Ronald and Debora (Bradner)

Garvin, and had been a resident of Derry for the past three years, formerly living in Litchfield, NH. Brian was a graduate of Campbell High School in Litchfield. He was an avid sports fan and especially loved the Boston teams. Brian had a love of tie dye and sneakers. He will be remembered as a true original, never afraid to be himself.

He is survived his parents Ron and Debby Garvin, one sister, Kendra Garvin and her boyfriend Jon Sinclair; his girlfriend, Katrina Williams, his longtime best friend Matt Ferdinand, his aunt and uncles, Jeannie and Tim Farrell, Brian and Andrea Sorrells and Andrea Garvin and her partner Al Streck; as well as numerous cousins, extended family and friends.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held on Thursday June 17, from 4 – 6:30 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services will begin at 6:30 p.m., in the funeral home. For those in attendance, face mask usage and social distancing are recommended. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Brian's memory to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Assoc., PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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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/

Rotary Blood Drive

The Rotary Club of Londonderry, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will be hosting its annual Blood Drive again this year. The Blood Drive will take place at the

Londonderry High School Cafeteria on Thursday, July 1, from 2 - 7 p.m. The Red Cross is in need of donated blood. To schedule an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767). You can also schedule an appointment through your computer by visiting "RedCrossBlood.org", and enter "Londonderryrotary".

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 - 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@londonderry.nh.org.

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 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.

Young Adult Book Talk and Craft

On Monday, June 21, at 10 a.m., a virtual book talk for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel. Follow along with Miss Megan as she shares some graphic novels in the library's collection and demonstrates how to create your very own comic book. Craft kits are available while sup-

plies last.

Story Time

On Monday, June 28, at 10 a.m., Miss Jennifer reads a special bedtime story called "The First Star"! The video will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page, blog, and YouTube channel. This story time features a book written by Londonderry author Janice Spina and illustrated by her husband John Spina. To reserve the featured title, please call the library at 432-1132 or sign in to your account on the library catalog

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.

Voter Information

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the voter checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering. The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Londonderry will hold sessions for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, as well as accepting applications for new voter

registration, requests for the correction of the checklist, and changes of political party affiliation on the following dates: Saturday, June 19, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, from 6 - 8 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

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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 selizabeta@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)

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TIPS Zoom

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

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

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

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - June 7

4:04 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Grove Street.

6:50 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Tinker Avenue.

11:03 a.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle investigation leads to an arrest on Nashua Road at High Range Road. Three officers assist with charging Aleighsha Welch, 37, of Hudson with Stalking - Notice of Order.

12:40 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Heron Drive.

2:45 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Manchester Police Department. Jonathan Butt, 37, of Manchester charged with Computer Offenses (Misuse of Computer or Network); Criminal Mischief; and two counts of Computer Offenses (Unauthorized Access greater than \$1,500).

5:27 p.m. Keep The Peace Services Rendered on Heron Dr

Tuesday - June 8

11:27 a.m. Criminal Thre-

atening investigated on Wedgewood Drive.

12:05 p.m. Structure Fire extinguished on Rockingham Road.

12:41 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Capitol Hill Drive.

5:43 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Vista Ridge Drive.

6:01 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest made by three officers on Capitol Hill Drive. Carisa Vitello, 18, of Manchester charged with Violation of a Protective Order.

7:53 p.m. Disturbance leads to an arrest made on Old Nashua Road. Four officers assist with charging Corey Riel, 24, of Hudson with two Bench Warrants; Driving after a Revoked/Suspended License; Misuse of Plates; Theft by Unauthorized taking (\$0-\$1,000); and Loitering or Prowling.

8:23 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Elwood Road.

10:12 p.m. Services ren-

dered for Domestic Disturbance on Charleston Avenue.

11:22 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with the Transportation of a subject to a Hospital from Whittemore Road.

Wednesday - June 9

12:15 a.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transporting a subject to a hospital from Pinyon Place.

12:38 a.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Wheelwright Circle

9 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Symmes Drive.

11:07 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Safford Street in Quincy Mass. Michael Smith, 55, of Alton Bay charged with supplying a False Report to Law Enforcement.

2:43 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Wheelwright Circle.

8:48 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Nashua Road.

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One-time use masks are NOT to be placed in the recycle bin, on the ground, or flushed down the toilet. Masks

should be securely thrown in the trash can. Here is why:

1. Disposable masks are not recyclable. Although some face-masks may seem like they are made of paper, they are commonly made of synthetic fabrics like polypropylene and polyester. Therefore, tossing masks in your paper recycling can be a source of contamination that solid waste facilities and

recycling companies will ultimately need to manage, costing time and money.

2. Masks are not flushable. The material in these masks is not dispersible, which means that no matter how many times a mask is swirled down the toilet, through the pipes and into either your septic system or sent to a wastewater treatment plant, it will not break down like toilet

paper. Flushing masks can cause clogged toilets, drains and malfunctions at wastewater treatment plants.

3. Masks on the ground = Litter. If you drop your mask, pick it up. If there is no trash can where you are, hold onto your mask until you get home and throw it away. When you leave your used mask on the ground, not only are you littering, but you also increase the

chance that someone or something will come into contact with your germs. Under normal circumstances this is just plain disgusting, but with COVID-19, it is particularly risky.

Please dispose of your masks properly in the trash can with the rest of your solid waste. And when the bag is full, make sure you tie it tightly so the waste stays contained.

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advocacy organization to address issues directly facing New Hampshire communities. They will host educational events on current issues, and monthly activities such as a book club, and discussion groups focused on property taxes, helping seniors stay in their homes, diversity, and gun safety. It will encourage those interested in running for local and state office.

So after so many

months of isolation due to the virus, we are pleased to announce a major educational event to be held at the Meeting House on June 23rd at 5:30 pm entitled "Bucket Brigade for Democracy". It will be an informative presentation with a question-and-answer session about the current battles over voting rights at the state and federal level.

The speaker will be Brian Beihl, Deputy Director of Open Democracy Action (ODA). ODA is an organization widely

known for its goals to expose secret donors and require full transparency, ban bribes from lobbyists and government contractors, ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United, establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections, end gerrymandering and modernize voter registration, close loopholes, and enforce campaign finance laws.

This is an example of the type of exciting events we envision for the Meeting House. We ask you to contact us with

proposed events on topics ranging from climate change to social justice to tax fairness and to local issues that are impacting your community. The

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Jim Green
Londonderry

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Contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

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.

Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

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Raising children ages 0-12?

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Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Road, Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

Police Log

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11:37 p.m. Auto Theft investigated on Chase Road.

Thursday - June 10

8:40 a.m. Five officers perform a Welfare Check which leads to an arrest on Harvey Road at Delta Drive. Brooke Levesque, 29, of Harrisburg, Penn. Charged with having an Unregistered Vehicle; Disobeying an Officer; and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

12:33 p.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance on Mammoth Road.

12:55 p.m. Trespassing investigated at Auto Auction of New England, Inc. on Action Blvd.

1:04 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to subject taken/referred to another agency from Sleep

Inn on Perkins Road.

2:21 p.m. Peace restored after a Domestic Disturbance on Hazelnut Lane.

7:27 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Symmes Drive.

Friday - June 11

12:10 p.m. Assault investigated on Michels Way at T.J. Maxx.

7:18 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transporting a subject to the hospital from Pinyon Place.

8 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated by four officers on Wedgewood Drive.

Saturday - June 12

4:16 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Hardy Road.

3:10 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Vista Ridge Drive.

4:57 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Happy Lane.

9 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Hall Road.

11:37 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

Sunday - June 13

12:33 a.m. Four officers respond to a Disturbance on Vista Ridge Drive and transport subject to a hospital.

10:13 a.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Iris Lane.

3:43 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Old Nashua Road at Greeley Road.

4:09 p.m. Drone Flight investigated on Airport Road.

8:47 p.m. Four officers respond to a Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive and restore peace.

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