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## Moving Up

Fifth grade students at South Elementary School took part in the year-end assembly last Wednesday, by kicking off the event with a parade around the school celebrating their move up to Londonderry Middle School. See more photos page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

## Utilities Committee Work to Keep Proceedings Public

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee was still establishing its procedures for the rest of the year at its June 6 meeting.

“Has everybody looked to set themselves up with a Londonderry-

nh.org email address?” asked Utilities Chair, Lynn Wiles. “I’m not sending any more emails out to private addresses because of the nature of the work we do, I want emails to be available in the public domain.”

Despite a push to limit emails to a town

account, a few members continued having technical difficulties with their new accounts. Wiles promised to send out instructions to members on how to set up a government email account.

“We’re working in the public domain,” Wiles

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## Stonehenge Road Rotary Plan Gets Official State Approval

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Representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) held a public hearing on Thursday, June 15, to give new details about a proposed ‘roundabout’ at the intersection of Route 28 and Stonehenge Road.

Ray Chadwick and Terry Pfaff oversaw the meeting.

“No major improvements have been made over the years, with the exception of the Stonehenge Road widening in 2018,” said Chadwick.

“The road experiences long delays during peak traffic hours, requiring modifications to safely allow traffic to enter NH 28.”

A roundabout concept for the intersection was green-lit by the Londonderry Town Council late last year. Stonehenge was originally slated for improvement in 2017 with a cost of \$1.7 million with 50 percent of the funding coming from Londonderry, although the town’s contribution has since been replaced by a price cap of \$1 million as the project cost has risen to over \$4 million.

“Funding for this project will include federal and town of Londonderry funds, and we do not anticipate funds from any other sources,” said Pfaff. “The town’s portion is limited to \$1 million, reducing further financial risk to Londonderry.”

Rising costs have been a concern throughout the design process, especially with inflation over the past two-years.

Chadwick called the June meeting a “significant milestone” to the “final design” phase before construction.

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## Plan for 264 Unit Apartment Complex at Woodmont OK’d

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board had a public hearing for a formal review of a site plan for a proposed development of a 264 dwelling unit, multi-family, residential development with associated parking and amenities, on Michels Way during the June 7 meeting.

It was explained by Marc Seck, who was representing the applicant, that they were in front of the Planning Board during the fall informally before they formally applied for a conditional use permit.

He said they met with the Heritage Commission twice and the Conservation Commission to get feedback along with working with the different town departments. He added that they have been working to address comments and concerns.

Seck explained that they would have two different building types and that every building has two entrances to come in and out of.

He said they looked at brick, but was drawn towards stone and the Heritage Commission agreed that stone was the right look.

Seck said they would have centralized mail at the clubhouse and some sort of short term parking for drop offs there.

“There’s no individual mail drop off at the building,” Seck said.

He stated that the main entrance would be adjacent to the clubhouse and they will have

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# Planning Board Hear Concept For Buildings on Nashua Road

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The Planning Board had a conceptual review and non-binding discussion for a proposed 50,000 square foot building along with associated site improvements for the property at 308 Nashua Road during the June 14 meeting.

It was explained by Karl Dubay, who was representing the owner and applicant GJC Development, that they would have two buildings as

part of their proposal, with the left side being used by Steve Jacques, who owns EMR Drywall.

"These are two brother and sister buildings," Dubay said.

Dubay said the property is about seven acres in size and they have been working with the town planning department along with the Department of Transportation.

"There will be some off site improvement plans," Dubay said.

He stated that they would have parking in the front for the businesses.

The drywall business would be on the left side of the property, on the second floor would be his offices, and on the first floor it would be used for storage of some equipment and materials.

Dubay said they are proposing to have garage door bays so they can bring trucks in at night.

"We'd load the trucks in, load the trucks up with material, and then the next day they're off and running," Dubay said.

He noted that they would mostly have box trucks.

Dubay explained that they are proposing to have the drywall business on the left side of the property since it's closer to other commercial businesses.

He said the building on the right side is pro-

posed to be used as a restaurant.

"We think it would do well," Dubay said.

Dubay noted that when they originally started the project before they had a restaurant in mind, but it isn't a guarantee they will be going there anymore.

In addition, they would also have some commercial services and offices there as well as part of the proposal currently.

He said they would likely have metal build-

ings, but aren't committed to anything yet.

If they aren't able to find a restaurant for the building then their second option is to go with retail for the space. Dubay said they wouldn't develop the building to be used as a restaurant unless they have a tenant in place.

"We tend to be picky about our tenants," Dubay said.

The next Planning Board meeting will take place on July 5 at 7 p.m.

# Planning Board Recommend Rezoning of Mammoth Road Property

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the June 7 Planning Board meeting, one item discussed was a rezoning request by Page Rock LLC, who was looking to rezone 556 Mammoth Road from a AR-1 Agricultural-Residential zone to a C-II commercial zone. The property is located at the intersection of Mammoth and Grenier Field roads.

It was explained by Brad Westgate, a lawyer representing the

applicant, that they were in front of the board last August and received a favorable recommendation from the Town Council to rezone three properties, however, they never went in front of the Town Council.

"You did favorably recommend that rezoning," Westgate said.

He said at the time they were in negotiations with the abutting property owner and said they thought it would be good for it all to be rezoned together.

"It didn't pan out that way," said Westgate.

He said now they are looking to rezone one lot to C-II, which is the smallest lot out of the three.

"All we're looking to do is rezone the smallest lot," Westgate said.

He said there are a number of uses in the area including industrial, houses, and undevelopable Ar-1 properties.

Westgate told the Planning Board that they are looking to have

all of the three properties they own to be zoned the same, noting the other two properties are zoned C-II.

If all goes to plan and they eventually get the property rezoned, Westgate said the plan is to go forward with a proposal to build a 40 unit apartment complex, which is what they also proposed last year.

"We're simply looking to rezone about a third of an acre," Westgate said.

Westgate stated that if

they are approved for rezoning and are able to advance in the process they would be bringing a traffic engineer on board to see where they place the driveways. He added that they would also eventually be bringing a full site plan forward, which would include things like landscape plans.

"It's a little premature in the process," Westgate said.

Planning Board member, Ann Chiampa, said she has concerns with it because it is on a busy

corner and at times it can be difficult.

Planning Board Chair, Arthur Rugg, noted they could address those concerns when a site plan proposal is in front of them.

The Planning Board voted 6-1-1 to recommend approval by the Town Council for the property to be rezoned with Ex-Officio, Ted Combes, abstaining saying he wanted to wait until he could vote at the Town Council meeting. Chiampa voted against it.

## Woodmont

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wayfinding signs throughout.

One suggestion made during the meeting was to have stone facades for any of the buildings people can see from the

road instead of just having clapboard facades.

Planning Board alternate member, Tony DeFrancesco, said he also agreed. He said it's like a waterfront property where you need two fronts, people driving by should see the "pretty

side" and not the back of the building that's not being used.

He said he thinks both the front and back should look the same. He also suggested they have landscaping on the backside of the property to "soften it up."

"I think you've done a great job, but let's put a bow around it and make it even a little bit better," DeFrancesco said.

Seck said they are within the design guidelines, but would be willing to add stone to three more buildings for a total of seven.

"We're within the design guidelines," Seck said.

DeFrancesco said the school district doesn't drive buses on private roads and that it hasn't gone well for developments when it comes to private roads proposing they do so.

He suggested they contact the school district to figure out how to bus students safely, who may live in the development.

One note Seck made is that they haven't

designed the swimming pool or green area yet.

"You can expect (a) lounge type area," Seck said.

The Planning Board ruled in favor of a conditional approval with conditions being that they add the stone to the additional three buildings and they add vegetation to the garage area.

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# LHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian Head to Next Level

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The Londonderry High School Class of 2023 celebrated its accomplishments on June 9, which included this year's valedictorian, Dylan Wrisley, and salutatorian, Isabel Schickler.

## Dylan Wrisley

Wrisley said despite a demanding schedule, he is happy to be able to earn the valedictorian honor.

"After all the hard work and demanding schedule, trying to keep up with school, work, sports, friends, and family, I am overjoyed to be Londonderry High School's valedictorian," Wrisley said. "Especially, knowing our class and how amazing they are, I take pride in being recognized at the top of a momentous class."

Wrisley said some of



Dylan Wrisley

his favorite moments in high school include winning the state football championship in 2021 along with things like driving golf carts in the Memorial Day Parade.

He said graduation is also a top memory he will have from his high school career.

"I was able to see the entirety of our high school careers' recognized and celebrated," Wrisley said.

Wrisley said the most challenging moments of his career came in his fall semesters during his junior and senior years.

"Those semesters consisted of nothing but football and school in order to maintain my best work, both in the classroom and on the field," Wrisley said. "Especially the fall of my senior year, it contained college applications too, so I really



Isabel Schickler

didn't have any time to waste. While these times were challenging, I was able to balance all the commitments."

Next year Wrisley is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he's excited for new classes and to "get to work on planes, drones, and rockets."

"For a career, I have not decided if I want to focus on aeronautical or astronautical concentration, but I will have the next four years to decide that. Either way, I hope to build planes and rockets of some sort," Wrisley said.

## Isabel Schickler

Schickler, whose two brothers graduated from Londonderry High School before her, said she is proud to be named salutatorian.

"Earning the distinction of Salutatorian was rewarding, because I felt like my diligence and persistence over the past four years were being recognized," Schickler said. "I didn't necessarily have the goal to be at the top of my class, but my determination led me to this point, and I'm just thankful for everyone who pushed me to be who I am today."

Schickler said her favorite experience happened right before her last week of senior year when she was working on an altered book project with eight other classmates who all pulled an all-nighter as they tried to complete the assignment.

"I didn't finish my book (only one of us did, actually), however, the night was so rewarding in many other ways. My peers and I laughed at our past mistakes, connected with each other, and grew closer as a result of one long night, tackling a huge project," Schickler said.

She said the experience reminded her to enjoy "all of the moments in between the stress and the struggles." "My education will always be something I

can pursue, however, the people I meet in high school are people I need to cherish in the four years we have together," Schickler said.

Schickler said a challenging time in her high school year was during her junior year.

"My academic course-load was heavier than it had ever been, and on top of that, I was in treatment for a mental illness I was struggling with. Only a few of my classmates and teachers knew what I was going through, and it was hard to keep up with assignments when half of my time after school was devoted to improving my mental health," Schickler said. "I'm so thankful for my parents and best friends for supporting me during this time, because of them, I chose recovery, and I am a stronger person now."

Next year Schickler is attending the University of Pennsylvania where she will be studying neuroscience.

"I plan to stay in school for at least ten years to earn my PhD. While my future is not set in stone, my current goal is to have a career in neuropsychology," Schickler said.

## Former Police Chief William Hart to Serve as U.S. Marshal for N.H.

Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan issued the following joint statement after the U.S. Senate approved the nomination of Chief William Hart to serve as U.S. Marshal for the District of New Hampshire.

Chief Hart served as Chief of the Londonderry Police Department from 2009 to 2022 and was previously a captain with the department. Prior to his time with the Londonderry Police

Department, he served as Rockingham County Attorney from 1995 to 1999. Hart was also a prosecutor and is a Marine Corps veteran.

"We offer our sincerest congratulations to Chief Hart for his confirmation to serve as the next U.S. Marshal for the District of New Hampshire. It's hard to find a U.S. Marshal nominee with more merit. His record as a police chief, prosecutor and Marine Corps veteran exempli-

fies the values of the US Marshal Service: justice, integrity, service, unity, empowerment and inclusivity," said Senators Shaheen and Hassan. "US Marshals make our country's justice system work by upholding the law and seeking accountability. We're proud to have such an upstanding public servant lead the District of NH, and help protect the rights and liberties of all Granite Staters."



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# Editorial

## Bring Out the Best in You

The world throws curveballs whether we like it or not, it is all part of life, things beyond our control happen all the time. We only have control over how we respond to a situation. Some people will rise to the occasion, while others will show what they are truly made of.

One of the biggest hurdles we face is how we handle difficult situations. The truth is, these situations tend to bring out the best and the worst in people. It amazes me that some people capitalize on other people's misfortune. Some use it to build themselves up either for power or to make money, by creating scams to rip people off. If you believe in karma, as I do, these folks are in deep trouble.

How we handle these situations is what builds character, and it's what makes us resilient. It is these challenges that we face in life that will only make us stronger and give us the confidence to conquer any obstacle.

I have learned over the years to try and find the light in bad situations and show strength and courage. I find your true character will emerge, bubbling up from deep inside, allowing you to think clearly. It is when you are able to let go of the hopeless and unproductive

thoughts and get down to the business of dealing with the situation, then and only then can you see clearly and be free of this burden. Be courageous and run toward the problem rather than away from it, taking action gives you control. What I want to say is to be supportive, give without being asked, and be selfless.

Be hopeful and have faith, there is hope in everyone. Hope motivates you to stay the course in hard times and gives you a reason to pause. Hope also has a way of saying that even a bad start can still have a happy ending.

Face reality and find a way to deal with it rather than withdraw from it. Be mindful of what really matters and appreciate what you already have.

Just know lessons are learned from these challenging situations. Your action serves as a constant reminder that even though the world is large, one person can still make a world of difference.

Be a role model that makes you proud. In times like these, bringing out the best in ourselves may be all we can do.

Let difficult situations and challenges bring out the best in you.

# Letters

## Sea Level Rise Will Impact Cities

To the editor,

The melting of our glaciers and the Arctic and Antarctic ice shelves due to global warming will continue to cause rising sea levels around the world.

If the melting continues at the current rate, by 2050 about 150 million people in the world living near coastlines could be displaced due to flooding. Sea levels could rise by up to eight feet by 2100.

Various coastal cities in the world could be

impacted, including the U.S. cities of Boston; Miami; Atlantic City; Key West; Galveston; Seattle; St. Petersburg; Tybee Island, GA; Charleston; New Orleans; Los Angeles; San Diego; Fort Lauderdale; Hoboken; Honolulu and New York. These cities will not be completely under water, but they could experience significant and consistent flooding in some parts of the cities, which could make those areas uninhabitable. Currently, the village of Kivalina Alaska is threatened by rising waters, and it is projected to disappear within 10 years.

We have to reduce the Carbon emissions going into our atmosphere by utilizing more renewable energy sources, including wind and solar power; evaluating small scale nuclear power systems in series; driving electric vehicles; and by conserving our Carbon absorbing natural resources, especially trees.

Other mitigation strategies are using mass transit instead of cars, better insulating homes and buildings, replacing old appliances, and supporting local businesses that promote these strategies.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry

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## Stonehenge

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and Consultant, Kyle Higgins, highlighted some of the challenges with the current design.

"One of the keys for roundabouts is controlling speeds on the approaches and going through the intersection," Higgins stated. "It's important to control those speeds, it reduces the number and severity of crashes while helping with traffic capacity."

When completed, the Stonehenge Project should improve safety for drivers in the area.

The current design will signal drivers to slow down while allowing water to safely drain from the roadway surface to minimize environmental concerns. The project will impact wetlands to a degree, and NHDOT is still talking with federal regulators to finalize some permitting. A stormwater prevention plan will be in place during construction.

There was some con-

cern from residents. John Wilson of 3 Tranquil Drive approved of the design, but worried that "if we build a roundabout, we don't have the flexibility of managing traffic that you do with a light, size of the circle is critical."

"My question is, how are we going to figure out how big this roundabout has to be?" Wilson asked.

Higgins overviewed NHDOT's prediction growth in the area, the road will be wide enough to accommodate 18-wheeler trucks. "We feel this size is adequate for the future to facilitate traffic."

State Senator, Sharon Carson, was more skeptical about how the NHDOT proposal could change traffic flow.

"I'm concerned about how we're going to deal with truck traffic," said Carson. "I am just not sure this is the right thing to do, as opposed to just having a traffic light. There is a roundabout in Derry, and there was just a fatality in their traffic

circle, I'm not sure this is going to solve the problem, I want to hear from the town's law enforcement."

The current NHDOT traffic study doesn't anticipate a massive increase in truck traffic and they hope to start construction for the Stonehenge Project in 2025.

According to Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, the \$1 million portion the town is contributing has been already acquired.

There was \$470,071 received by the town from the State of NH as an increase in Municipal Aid in 2020 and another \$520,000 received from the State as a Highway Block grant in 2017.

There was \$210,553 accepted as unanticipated revenue with resolution 2020-07.

The \$470,071 was originally accepted as \$265,553, but \$55,000 was paid to the State of NH for preliminary engineering in May of 2020. Another \$259,518 was accepted through the March 2020 Ballot as Warrant Article 8.



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# Historical Society Holds Antique Appraisal Event



The Londonderry Historical Society hosted an Antiques Appraisal Day on Sunday, June 11, in the Parmenter Barn on the Morrison House Museum grounds with attendees looking for the value of a number family heirlooms. Daniel F. Reidy was on hand for the appraisals with the help of his cousin, and museum curator Ann Champa. At right, resident Meredith Allen explains an 18th century ships log she brought to the event. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# Housing Complex Proposed on Gilcreast Road at Overgrown Orchard

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board had a conceptual review and a non-binding discussion for a proposed 96 unit multi family residential development and site improvements for the property located at 35 Gilcreast Road during the June 14 meeting.

Joe Maynard, who was representing the applicant, said it's on 20 acres of land that was previously used for an orchard.

He said right now

they are proposing to put in townhouse style buildings with three to six units per structure. Each of them would also have a driveway and a two car garage.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said the proposal needs to be reviewed still and they need to verify if its the correct density.

Planning Board Secretary, Jake Butler, said the driveways proposed were "kind of ugly" and suggested they look at changing them.

Ex-Officio, Bruce

Hallowell, asked about the price point.

Maynard said they would be market rate, but how much is yet to be determined, saying it's hard to tell until things like the road are built.

"It's a moving target," Maynard said.

Hallowell stated he envisions them being like the type of property he was in when he became a homeowner, and hopes it will bring in younger people to help develop the community.

"It's somewhat affordable for a professional starting out," Hallowell said.

He added: "That's kind of what I envision the project as."

Hallowell said they also may want to consider making it an old school New England row house style complex.

"Like an old New England row house with a garage I think is cool," Hallowell said.

Town Council Ex-Officio, Ted Combes, said based on the size of the neighborhood they may

want to consider adding a park or playground with some open space for people to walk to.

"It's just a thought to have for your group," Combes said.

Planning Board Vice Chair, Al Sypek, said if they are going to have private roads he thought it would make sense to have a shelter on the road for kids who are waiting for the bus.

One question asked during the meeting was if public roads would be allowed as part of the proposed project.

Caron explained that it's their preference for developments like the one being proposed for the roads to be private, so the town isn't respon-

sible for the maintenance of the road.

Butler said he agreed about having some sort of community area as part of the proposed project as a place for people to go.

Planning Board Chairman, Art Rugg, recommended they work with the town's planning department throughout the process.

"We ask you to work closely with staff, very closely," Rugg said.

He also noted they should meet with the abutters, especially with people from the Nevins, saying it would make sense to meet with them as a group.

"Do the homework," Rugg said.

## Utilities

Continued from page 1 said, "We, as a community, need to get our act together in doing these things."

A May proposal to create subcommittees was formalized from the planned unofficial meetings, following a legal recommendation formalizing every meeting. A subcommittee agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before any meeting with publically available minutes of each session to follow New Hampshire's Right to Know law.

"The law is fairly clear that the public is entitled to know when subcommittees are meeting, so the public can

attend when they want to," said Town Manager, Mike Malaguti.

All subcommittees are designed to be relatively informal, advisory bodies to streamline work for the full Utilities Committee. Members emphasized that Londonderry residents are always welcome to attend subcommittee meetings if they have any ideas or concerns.

Subcommittees began operating with Michael Speltz for energy concerns in town and a promise to cover energy-related issues. The discussion focused on renewables, including two solar proposals from Twin States Clean Energy and Walden Renewables. Both companies have looked into

building solar panels on town property. Twin States and Walden are not the only companies to make a pitch for solar in recent months.

"The problem is that every company seems to envision just leasing town land," said Speltz, as Malaguti added, "I'm getting flooded with calls and solicitations from many solar companies. Some of the property is plainly inappropriate for what we want to do, and I just don't have the bandwidth."

Committee members agreed to look at all solar proposals going into the future and that more information was needed to determine whether Twin States and Walden have a viable

proposition for Londonderry.

Another concern was water pressure on Mammoth Road after an engineering report found that the eight and sixteen-inch water lines might not have enough water pressure to keep up with demand in case of a large fire in the area.

"In Pennichuck's Master Plan, it identifies that they do not have sufficient fire protection for a full build-out without a new water tank and better infrastructure," reported Committee member Ray Breslin. "It's why they're building a new water tank up off Harvey Road, to supply water volume and pressure."

Members agreed to invite Pennichuck to a later meeting to get a full picture of the situation.

The Utilities Committee is next scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 20, in the Moose Hill Conference Room, starting at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Vincent Anthony Capobianco



Vincent Anthony Capobianco, 57, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Massachusetts General Hospital after a ten-year bout with cancer. He was born on August 27, 1965, in Brooklyn, NY, son of Henry and Phyllis (Chiappetta) Capobianco. Vinnie had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 30 years. He was a graduate of Southern NH University, and an avid New York sports fan. Vinnie was the Director of Real Estate at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston for 25 years before returning to the car business as a Toyota Sales Consultant for the past 6 years. He will be remembered as a devoted father, loving husband, and friend to all.

He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Holly (Hackman) Capobianco, two sons and future daughters-in-law, Zachary Capobianco and Briana Capistran, and Nicholas Capobianco and Stephanie Creegan, his mother, Phyllis, two sisters, Ines Capobianco and Marie Dionne, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Henry, and twin sister, Lisa Mwangi.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, June 20, at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, June 21, at St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH, with cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Caring For A Cure, c/o Mass General Hospital Development Office, Attn: Caring For A Cure, 125 Nashua St., Boston, MA 02114. To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# Large Warehouse Project on Page Road Gets Continued

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the June 7 Planning Board meeting, one of the public hearings was in regards to a formal review of site plan for a proposed 100,000 sq. ft. warehouse building and associated site improvements at 13 Page Road.

It was explained by Michael Cavanaugh from the applicant Rhino Capital Advisors that they are in a unique situation where for the past year they have been working on the project, including getting financing, which is difficult right now.

He said they found a tenant, but need to have conditional approval in order to get the funding they need. He added

that since the tenant is on a tight timeline they need to get a conditional approval in order to show viability for the project.

However, he said while they would be ready to go with making improvements to the site, there are a number of off site improvements that need to be made, including adding utilities and therefore were looking for conditional approvals without all of the off site work being done or the plans being hashed out entirely.

"We have things in place we don't want to fall through," Laura Gandia, a former Associate Planner for the Town who was representing the applicant, said.

She stated that they would be willing to put a number of conditions in place which they would have to complete in order for building permits to be issued.

"We're committed to fulfilling all conditions," Gandia said.

Some of the comments that they are working through for the off site improvements includes the roadway and sewer.

"Rhino Capital needs to ensure all those involved that there is a clear path for development. This can be done tonight with the granting of conditional approval," Gandia said.

Director of Engineering Services, John Trotter, said staff were rec-

ommending continuing the project due to the number of comments needing to be addressed.

"Staff recommends the Planning Board continuing this application to allow sufficient time to address outstanding comments and allow further refinement of the offside improvements," Trotter said.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said she also thought they should continue the project and not flat out reject it.

"I would not encourage denial of this application, we're recommending continuance to allow time to address any comments the board may have," Caron said.

She said since there

are enough significant outstanding comments needed to be addressed, she thought the board should be involved with it still, but said the board could have the planning department handle it if they wanted to give conditional approval.

"That's within your jurisdictional right," Caron said.

Gandia said if they aren't minor conditions as part of the conditional approval then they would still have to go back in front of the Planning Board, which was the case in their situation.

"That's how the process should be done," Gandia said.

Mark Fortin, who is

an abutter to the project, said the project would be a good tax revenue and it's far enough back from the road.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said he likes bringing tax revenue to town, but didn't agree with having that many items being addressed at the staff level and not in public. He argued there were other ways it could've been handled, including through a developers agreement.

Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, said he didn't think they had enough information yet to make a decision.

The Planning Board voted to continue the plan until July 12.

## Planning Board Look at Rockingham Road Medical Building

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board had a conceptual review and non-binding discussion for a proposed 30,000 square foot medical building with associated site improvements for the properties at 175 Rockingham Road, 71 Perkins Road, and 171 Rockingham Road during their June 14 meeting.

Sam Voice, representing the applicant, said they may end up reducing the size of the building and make some changes to the site depending on how many

tenants they end up with.

"We're still working out future tenants," he said.

He stated that they expect to know in around 60 days if they will have enough tenants for the original proposal.

Voice said the property is about a third of a mile west of the I-93 Exit 5 interchange, and that the property is about 3.2 acres.

"The proposed development is a 30,000 square foot facility," Voice said.

He explained as of

now the proposed project is for two stories, and from the road people will be able to see the two stories, but from the back they would only be able to see one.

Voice said the site proposal meets the open space requirements for zoning, and they have more parking than is required.

He said the requirement is four spaces for every 1,000 square feet, but the proposal is for five for every 1,000 square feet, saying the expected tenants usually need more parking

spaces.

Voice noted that they are proposing to have a covered drop off area in the front to protect patients from the elements. The rear entrance would primarily be for employees.

It was pointed out by Voice that there are two wetlands on the lot and in order for the project to be feasible they may need to be impacted and they will be going through the Department of Environmental Services process.

He said the site will comply with the signage ordinances and they aren't expecting to seek relief for it.

Voice said he expects to know what they will be building in terms of size in the next couple of months.

"I think in the next two months we're going to know whether we're building what you see or whether it's half of that," Voice said.

Planning Board member, Ann Chiampa, said she thought having a

medical building there is "amazing."

Planning Board alternate member, Tony DeFrancesco, said he also thought it was a great use for the property.

"There's no question the use is brilliant," DeFrancesco said.

Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, suggested that they work staff and the abutters to the property.

"It's really working with everyone, especially the abutters," Rugg said.



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South Elementary School students had their final All-School Meeting on Wednesday, June 14 and with that brought the annual fifth grade "Graduation Walk." The walk took students around the school then into the multi-purpose room for the schools final assembly of the year before summer vacation.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Post 27 Senior Legion Team Off to an Excellent Start

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's American Legion Post 27 Senior Baseball squad began their first week of summer baseball season and had a somewhat successful start with two wins and a 10-inning tie.

New head coach, Chris Tutt, headed into the season with a number of players from the Lancers team that is fresh off a state championship in both varsity and junior varsity and hopes to continue that momentum through the summer.

Their season started just three days after the Lancers captured another Division I state title hosting a game against the Post 63 team out of Salem.

The season opener ended with a walk-off 5-4 win, thanks to a seventh inning error, committed by Salem, on a ground

ball hit to third by Liam Stot.

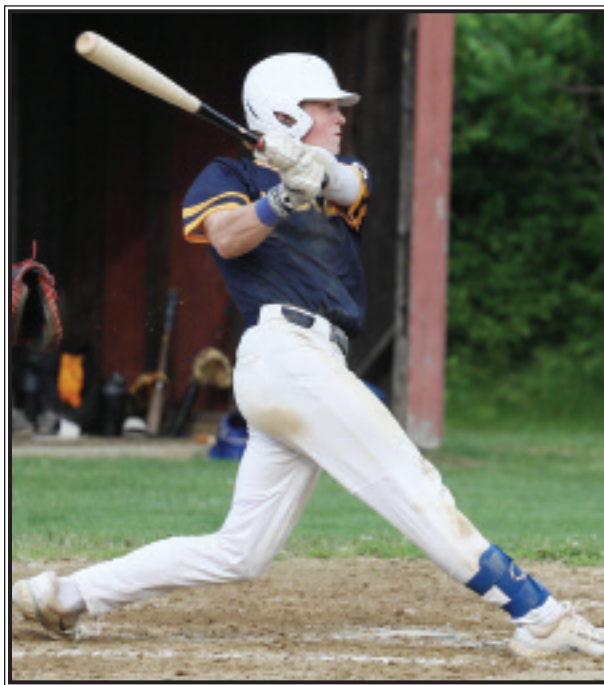
It took three pitchers to capture the Post 27 win, with Mike Crowley getting the start, and pitching three, Kevin Rourke came in for two in relief and Joey Cafaro got the win as the two-inning closer.

It was a fairly evenly matched game with both teams getting two runs in the opening inning, followed by Post 27 taking the lead in the bottom of the fourth, only to have Salem come back in the fifth.

Both squads had runs in the sixth, and went into the final inning knotted at four, where Post 27 pulled through.

Leftfielder, Colin Parent, was two for three at the plate and five other Londonderry batters scattered four other hits in the game.

The Post 27 pitchers struck out seven batters, walked three, and gave



Owen Carey hit a triple against Post 9 to drive in one of the two winning runs. Photo by Chris Paul

up eight hits. Two nights later, in another home game at LHS, the team faced Nashua's Coffey Post #3, where they ran out of light and played to a 3-3, 10-inning tie. Leaving the game to be continued at a later date.

thirds of an inning.

Londonderry got all of their runs in the first inning to lead 3-2 until the fourth, when Coffey tied the contest at 3-3.

Carey and Ben Martin were the only Londonderry players to get hits in the game, both in the first, with Carey getting a double to left.

Post 27 pitchers gave up 10-hits, struck out six, and walked seven.

The Londonderry squad finished the week in Derry, at Pinkerton Academy against the Post 9 squad, where they came away with a 2-0 shut out victory.

Hamilton received the win, after pitching five innings and giving up just one hit, while striking out six and walking just three.

Cafaro got the save, pitching two hitless innings and striking out six Derry batters.

Londonderry got their first run in the

third, thanks to a two-out triple hit to straight-away center field by Carey. He drove in Hamilton, who was on base with a single.

Post 27's second run of the game came from a ground ball by Devin Boles with two men on in the sixth inning. Jackson Marshall and Rourke were both on with singles.

Carey and Hamilton both had two hits in the game for half of the team's eight hits.

Post 27 was scheduled to play four games in the second week of the season.

The team plays Tuesday against Post 7 (Rochester) and on Wednesday against Post 32 (Exeter). Both games are at LHS and both start at 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the squad will have a double-header in Salem against Post 63 starting at 5:30 p.m.



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# Aspiring Young Ninja Warriors Heading for World Challenge

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**L**ondonderry twins Eli and Pacey Parece-Grogan are continuing their dream of becoming American Ninja Warrior champions after completing their third year of train-

ing in the sport.

The local young athletes, who are 12 and are headed into seventh grade next year, will be taking two trips this summer at the world level of the American Ninja sport.

The twins participated in a number of local Ultimate Ninja Athlete Association (UNAA) competitions of the course of the year and they recently qualified for the UNAA World Ninja competition, taking place in Orlando, Florida on July 26-30, by placing in the top three of a regional competition.

Eli also qualified for World Ninja League (WNL) and is headed to North Carolina, with his family, for the 2023 WNL Championships happening this weekend from June 23 to June 25.

The two siblings live in south Londonderry and during the COVID-19 Pandemic became interested in the parkour-



Eli Parece-Grogan on the Salmon Ladder in his yard.



Pacey Parece-Grogan building up her grip strength.



Eli and Pacey Parece-Grogan pose in front of the families Warped Wall and display many of their medals earned. Photos by Chris Paul

type sport and have been training ever since.

They train at the USA Ninja Challenge gym in Hudson, which is owned by Brian O'Connor, and they train with coach Claire O'Connor.

The two have also been able to train outside the gym. His parents and grandfather constructed a number of Ninja obstacles in their backyard, with one of those obstacles being a 12-foot Warped-Wall, which is one of the major components of

the "Ninja" courses.

The Warped-Wall is usually the largest obstacle in any of the Ninja courses, standing between 10- and 14-foot high and is a curved wall that challenges participants to run up and ascend the curved area and climb over it. A very difficult challenge.

Other challenges set up in the yard include a Spider Wall, Quad Steps, Spinning Logs, Jump Hangers, Rings, and Cliffhanger Rails.

The two were able to

qualify for the UNAA World Ninja competition at regional qualifier competition that took place in Marlborough Mass. this spring.

Both young athletes are extremely excited about the two trip and have been busy training at the gym and their backyard and are currently fundraising for the Florida trip to the UNAA World Ninja competition.

For those interested in helping with the twin's efforts, both have GoFundMe pages set up.

Eli's page can be found at <https://gofund.me/3e7214a7> and Pacey's page can be found at <https://gofund.me/06ad8e46>.

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# LAFA Officials Commemorate Mark Bondra with Bench



LAFA Treasurer, Rob Galan, and past president, Tim Dodge, unveil bench.



From left, Mark Bondra's daughter, Hailey, wife, Kelly, and children, Jayden and Kayla, use the bench after the ceremony. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Londonderry Athletic Field Association (LAFA) paid tribute to a beloved member of the organization, Mark Bondra, with a ceremony, dedicating a bench in his name.

Bondra tragically lost his life nearly one-year ago during a vacation in the lakes region and left behind family members, friends and business associates to mourn his loss.

On Saturday, June 17, a large group gathered under the Pavilion at the LAFA Complex for a remembrance and bench dedication to honor Bondra, who served as the LAFA secretary.

LAFA Treasurer, Rob Galan, led the ceremony,

and spoke briefly on his friendship with Bondra.

He began by saying that Bondra went out of his way as secretary to make sure those who couldn't afford to pay for the baseball and softball league, were able to still participate through his financial help with behind-the-scenes work at LAFA.

Also speaking was Tim Dodge, a former president of LAFA, who mentioned what an honor it was to be friends with Bondra.

He said the bench would always live at LAFA to remember Mark's dedication to the LAFA organization.

Mark's wife, Kelly, and children, Hailey, Jayden and Kayla also attended the event.

## DII Champs

The Londonderry 12U Jr. Lancer team won the DII Silver Bracket Championship this past weekend. Top row: Coach Eric Swenson, Coach Tom Burton, Coach Jon Farmer, and Coach Joe Kvetkosky. Middle row: Caleb Lang, Tucker Burton, Crew Swenson, Jackson Lahaye, Christian Kvetkosky, Sean Doody. First row: Jackson MacInnis, Lucas Fletcher, Brady Bell, Joey Aquino, Logan Simberg. Bottom: Gavin Harnum. *Courtesy photo*



## The Londonderry School Board is now accepting applications for the Moose Hill Building Committee

The charge of the Moose Hill Building Committee will be to comply with all the stipulations within policy BCFA, up to and including advising both the School Board and Kindergarten Committee on both cost-effective plans for Phase 1a, Phase 1b, and Phase 2 of the Moose Hill School that also meet the educational needs of Phase 1a, Phase 1b, and Phase 2.

The School Board is looking for 5 members and 2 alternates for the Committee if possible. The School Board is looking for leaders from the community, especially professionals in the areas of engineering, general contracting, and the construction fields to explore options, costs, and future planning of the current conceptual design and be able to offer recommendations.

Any interested community members can apply by visiting the school district's web page at [www.Londonderry.org](http://www.Londonderry.org) or pick up a paper copy of the application at the District Office (6A Kitty Hawk Landing).



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan for a 102,418 square foot manufacturing facility and associated site improvements at 55 Pettengill Rd., (Map 14 Lot 49-3, Zoned Gateway Business District), NB Development Group, LLC (Applicant) and One Pettingill Road Realty, LLC (Owner).

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan for re-tenanting of commercial suites, parking lot upgrades and associated site improvements, 33 Londonderry Rd., Map 10 Lot 87 (Zoned C-II), Fawcett Properties, LLC (Owner & Applicant)

Public hearing on application for formal review of a lot line adjustment and consolidation plan to adjust the lot line of Map 28 Lot 29-2 and consolidate with Map 17 Lot 2 and Map 28 Lot 31-6. 52 Grenier Field Rd., Map 28 Lot 29-2 and 104 Grenier Field Rd., Map 17, Lot 2, Zoned Industrial II (Ind-II), Londonderry Holdings, LLC and Woodhaven Limited Partnership (owners) and Ken Solinsky (applicant).

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# Concerts On The Common Series Continues Through Summer

The Concerts on the Common Music series continues over the next two weeks, featuring Raquel & The Wildflowers on Wednesday, June 28, and the duo Martin and Kelly on Wednesday, July 5. The concerts are performed each Wednesday night, on the Londonderry Town Common from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The series is organized by the Londonderry Arts Council and is in its 23rd season.

The council had great feedback from the audience at last year's Raquel & The Wildflowers concert and brought the group back again this year.

This nationally touring energetic powerhouse blends the sound of traditional country music with a rock and roll drive.

Raquel & The Wild-



*Raquel & The Wildflowers*

flowers previously performed at Country Fest 2021 with headlining artists Dierks Bentley, Kane Brown, and Thomas Rhett, MUSIK FEST 2021 with headlining artists such as Darius Rucker, ZEDD, Sam Hunt, KT Tunstall, opened for multi-plat-

inum artist Andy Grammer, award winning bands and more.

The group is currently working on new original music and are excited to continue touring nationally bringing live music to their fans across the US.

One week later, there



*Martin and Kelly*

will be another group that has seen the common stage before.

According to the council, "If you were lucky enough to see Martin and Kelly perform for us last year, then you know exactly why they are back. Whoa - what a concert.

The incredibly talented duo of Jilly Martin and Ryan Brooks Kelly have become the next must-see act from New England to Nashville."

"The duo are standouts in today's cross-over country music scene, Jilly & Ryan's songs bridge the bound-

ary between traditional and new country.

They've made their mark with highly acclaimed original music and are winning over audiences each and every time they perform. Jilly and Ryan's compelling songwriting, dynamic vocal harmonies and stunning musicianship have them poised for a breakthrough in the music industry."

Weather Policy: The bad weather venue - is at the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

There is always a concert, if it's raining or bad weather, we move indoors to one of the schools near the Town Common. To determine the exact location, check our Facebook page or web site after 2 p.m. on the day of the concert for more details.



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## Music Festival

Free to the public multi-genre music festival will be held on Saturday June 24, from 1 - 8 p.m., at the Londonderry Town Commons, 265 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Donations for the Londonderry High School Band to go to London will be accepted. Friends of Music will be providing refreshments. Performances by: Thirteen13all, Kemic, LYFE, Aaron Brown, JRM, Kyle Knight, Michael Murphy III, Just For Kicks, Qquick, SUM of Sam, J Faith, Second to Last Minute, B Snair.

## Rotary Blood Drive

Londonderry Rotary Club in partnership with the American Red Cross will be holding its annual Blood Drive again this year. The Blood Drive will

be held at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria, at 295 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The drive will take place on Thursday, June 29, from 2 - 7 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit "RedCrossBlood.org" and enter LONDONDERRYROTARY to schedule an appointment. There is a significant need for blood donations.

## Democrats Meeting

The monthly Town Democratic Party meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m., at the Meeting House, 2 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. Many topics will be discussed from PFAS drinking water issues to NH State House votes to Old Home Day planning activities. Please feel free to attend and contribute your thoughts and ideas! Any questions, con-

tact Paul Skudlarek at [pskud@comcast.net](mailto:pskud@comcast.net).

## Summer Tennis Camp

The Londonderry Summer Tennis Camp is currently accepting registrations for children ages 7 and up. The camps are scheduled for the week of June 26-30 and Aug. 21-25, from 9 - 11 a.m. The cost of the camp is \$150 with early bird special pricing of \$135 if payment and registration is received by June 9 for the first session and Aug. 4 for the second session. The summer camps teach the foundational skills of tennis, as well as, building on balance, coordination and speed needed for long-term athletic development. Players will be grouped by age and ability. If you have any questions or want to register your child, email

Roberta Davis at [londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com](mailto:londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com) for information and registration forms.

## Free Meals

There are several free community meals in June, there as follows. Pick up Breakfast & Basic Needs Items on June 24, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., at Masonic Lodge Mecurio Family, Masonic Lodge, 58 East Broadway, Derry, call 603-475-3852 for more information; Lunch on June 25, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Indoors at St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, call 603-432-3333 for more information; To Go Dinner on June 30, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., parking lot at back door of First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information.

## Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on Aug. 16, from 6 - 7 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.

## Green Team Meetings

The Green Team of Londonderry meet on the fourth Monday of each month starting March 29 through Aug. 28, at the Leach Library in the lower level. Socializing begins at 6 p.m., the meeting will begin at promptly 6:30 p.m., and will end at 7:45 pm. All welcome.

## Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

## Library Summer Hours

Leach Library summer hours are effective now

through Saturday, Sept. 9. During this timeframe, the library will be open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Curbside service will continue to be provided during operating hours upon request.

## Summer Reading

Registration for the Leach Library Summer Reading Program continues through Thursday, Aug. 31. This year's program theme is All Together Now. All ages are welcome to participate. To register for the children's program, stop by the children's room. To register for the young adult program, visit the library's main desk. To register for the adult program, visit any of the public desks. For more information about the Summer Reading Program, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

## Craft Time

Join the Leach Library staff on Monday, June 26 at 10 a.m. for a foam parrot craft in the Meeting Room. Kits will be provided for the activity, and library staff will be available to help. Registration is

continued on page 15

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - June 12

**12:04 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Planet Fitness on Orchard View Drive.

**12:20 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Main Street Apartments on Main Street, Woodmont.

**12:54 a.m.** Services Rendered during a Structure Fire on Aspen Circle.

**4:18 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on Court Street, Concord. Rebekah Foster, 42, of Concord, arrested on a Warrant.

**5:55 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers during Juvenile Offenses on Larch Lane.

**7:03 p.m.** Three officers serve warrant and make arrest on Holly Lane. Robert Gerhold, 59, of Londonderry, charged with Breach of Bail.

**9:10 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

#### Tuesday - June 13

**7:03 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Lancaster Drive at Cortland Street.

**7:26 a.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Holly Lane.

**11:10 a.m.** Warrant served by three officers on Wiley Hill Road and subject Taken/Referred to other Agency. Jennifer Sheehan, 42, of Londonderry, arrested on a Warrant.

**2:59 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

**4:21 p.m.** Involuntary Emergency Admission conducted on Grove Street resulting in transportation to a hospital.

**10:48 p.m.** three officers render services for Suspicious Activity on Kendall Pond Road at Holly Lane.

#### Wednesday - June 14

**2:24 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Check by three officers results in Citation Issued

on Hampton Drive at Alltown.

**9:21 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**3 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Hovey Road.

**4:59 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest Citation being issued on Webster Lane at Grenier Field Road. Brandon Gallant, 38, of Manchester, charged with Driving After Revoked/Suspension of License.

**5:03 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop at Sargent Road on Mammoth Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Thomas Beals, 43, of Manchester, arrested on a Warrant.

**5:29 p.m.** Disturbance investigated by three officers on Gilcrest Road at Ross Drive.

**8:13 p.m.** Structure Fire investigated on Pendleton Lane.

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# Summer Roadway Paving Projects Underway in Town

The Town of Londonderry recently announced a number of paving projects that will take place this summer.

Beginning in June, and continuing into the summer of 2023, the Town will begin paving

the following roads:

Sunrise Drive; portions of Otterson Road; portions of King Arthur Drive; portions of King James Drive; and portions of Hillside Avenue will all be affected.

Officials have apologized for any inconven-

ience and thank residents for their cooperation during the summer projects.

Anyone with questions should contact the Department of Public Works at 603-432-1100, extension 193.



## Around Town

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required and begins on Monday, June 19. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

### Adult Craft-to-Go Kits

From June 26 through Aug. 14, a new craft-to-go kit will be available for adults each Monday at the Leach Library while supplies last. Kits will be available for pickup by the main desk.

### Maker Monday Workshop

From June 26 through Aug. 7, Maker Workshops will be offered weekly on Mondays from noon - 2 p.m. at the Leach Library. Teens and tweens are invited to stop by the Young Adult area during the weekly workshop to explore their imagination with arts, crafts, coding, building, and more! No registration required.

### Cloud Dough Make & Play

Join the Leach Library staff on Wednesday, June 28 at 4 p.m. to make and

play with cloud dough. Ingredients will be provided for the activity, and library staff will lead children through the steps to create fun, squishy cloud dough. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, June 21. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

### Kindness Club Ladybug Picnic

On Tuesday, June 27 at 11 a.m., children and caregivers are invited to bring lunch, along with a blanket to sit on, and listen to a few stories outside at the Leach Library (weather permitting). Please check in at the children's desk. Sessions will be moved to the Meeting Room in the case of rain. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, June 20. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

### Adult Book Bingo

On Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m., join the Leach Library staff for adult book bingo in the library meeting room. Bingo winners can choose a free book or

a voucher for a free book from the Leach Library book sale. Registration is required and opens on Wednesday, June 21. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### "Library After Dark" Movie Night

On Friday, June 30 at 6 p.m., Leach Library will host an after-hours movie night in the main reading room! Join a family-favorite creature on his Hawaiian adventures during this special showing (rated PG). Free pizza will be provided while supplies last. Registration is required and opens on Friday, June 23. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Meet Your Neighbors

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 a group

that gives back to the community, check us out on Facebook, visit our website at [www.londonderry-womensclub.org](http://www.londonderry-womensclub.org) or email [info@londonderrywomensclub.org](mailto:info@londonderrywomensclub.org).

### Dragoneers Club

Calling all adventurers! Join a quest this summer during one of the stand-alone weekly campaigns. From June 29 through Aug. 10, the Dragoneers Club sessions will be held weekly on Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. All sessions are open to the public and intended for ages 8-18. Registration is required and opens one week before each session.

### How Israeli PBS Changed Israeli Public TV

On Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. Ra'anan de Haas, the Jewish Federation of NH Israeli Shaliach will present the history of Israeli public broadcasting and its eventual downfall, rebirth, and effect on other networks. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presenta-

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## OBITUARY

### Ruth A. (Wittenberg) McGraw



On the morning of June 16, our dear Ruth went to be with her Lord & Savior.

Ruth A. (Wittenberg) McGraw, 80, of Londonderry, passed away Friday, June 16, 2023, at her residence in Londonderry. Ruth was born on March 31, 1943 in Shafter, CA, a daughter of the late Arnold and Evelyn (Ratzlaff) Wittenberg, and had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 26 years, formerly living in Bakersfield, CA.

Ruth is survived by her loving husband of 21 years, Gene McGraw of Londonderry; daughter, Deanna Missert and her husband, Thomas of Windham, NH; three grandchildren, Justin Missert and Brittany Sylvain of Manchester, Kaley Missert of Napa, CA., and three brothers, Ken Wittenberg, Chuck Wittenberg, Arnold-Dean Wittenberg all of California.

Ruth was predeceased by her granddaughter, Devon Nicole Missert, and her sister Dora Bradford.

After graduating from Shafter High School in 1961, Ruth took several jobs, earned her degree from Cal State Bakersfield and went on settled into a position as a Bibliographical Librarian and Supervisor at the Beale Library in Bakersfield for over 20 years. She helped manage all 24 branches of the Kern County Public Library System.

Her plan was to work until Elvis Presley came and swept her off her feet. In the spring of 1997, her daughter Deanna, hired an Elvis impersonator to escort Ruth out of the library, to a limousine and into retirement. She was missed by her co-workers and Kern County had to hire 5 people to do the work she had done over the years. If Ruth was told a job could not be done, she would do it anyway.

Retirement allowed her to sell her home in Bakersfield, and move to Londonderry NH to become known and loved. as Grandma Ruth. She spent the next 25 years showering love, joy and happiness on her family and their friends.

In 2002 fate brought Ruth back together with an amazing man, Cowboy and forever friend. She married her soul mate Gene McGraw. Together they spent the last 21 years filled with life, love, happiness, and crazy adventures.

Ruth had many hobbies that ranged from String Art to Diamond-Dots to playing computer games with her friends. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her grandchildren and the friends they would bring to her home to visit. (And maybe get some of her famous alligator pancakes)

Grandma Ruth loved & was loved by everyone who took two minutes to get to know her. She had an immense heart and cared deeply for her family. She will be deeply missed but fondly and dearly remembered with Love by all those she touched in her journey.

From Gene, Thank you Ruth for giving me 21 years of happiness. I will love you always and forever.

Arrangements for Grandma Ruth's Celebration of Life are set for Monday June 26, from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Home, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. Family and friends are welcome to stop by the Coach Stop Restaurant and Tavern at 176 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry after the celebration for light bites. In lieu of flowers, Ruth had asked that memorial donations be sent to The Devon Nicole House Foundation, PO Box 4206, Windham, NH 03087. ([www.devonshouse.org](http://www.devonshouse.org)) To send a condolence, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## Police Log

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**Thursday - June 15**

**12:43 a.m.** Services rendered Trespassing at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**4:12 a.m.** Disturbance investigated on Victoria Drive.

**9:56 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

**10:59 a.m.** Warrant served and services rendered at Valley Street Jail, on Valley Street, Manchester. Dylan Hughes, 22, of Manchester, charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug; Schedule 1-4.

**12:14 p.m.** Services rendered for Auto Theft at Auto Auction Of New England, Inc., on Action Boulevard.

**5:39 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Fieldstone Drive.

**7:45 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**9:35 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated by eight officers on Sherwood Road

**Friday - June 16**

**2:03 a.m.** Motor vehicle check at the Park & Ride North, on Symmes Drive, leads to an arrest made by four officers. David Gile, 38, of Londonderry, charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug; Schedule 1-4.

**10:40 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Valle Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu on Nashua Road.

**10:50 a.m.** Services rendered by seven officers for a sudden death on Ashley Drive.

**11:32 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**2:58 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**3:16 p.m.** Five officers conduct an Involuntary Emergency Admission and transport subject to a hospital from Boulder Drive.

**3:35 p.m.** Follow-up conducted at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Christopher Underwood, 48, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Conduct After an Accident.

**Saturday - June 17**

**12:16 a.m.** Services Rendered by four officers for a complaint on Bartley Hill Road.

**1:03 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

**4:04 a.m.** Peace restored

by three officers for a Domestic Disturbance on Devonshire Lane.

**8:09 p.m.** Disturbance on Bartley Hill Road leads to an Arrest made by four officers. Zachary Goldthwaite, 33, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

**2:15 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**Sunday - June 18**

**1:35 a.m.** Citation Issued after a Motor Vehicle Check conducted by three officers on Planeview Drive.

**3:05 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from High Range Road.

**7:02 a.m.** Auto Theft investigated on Industrial Drive.

**2:07 p.m.** Services rendered for an Assault on Loop Road.



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