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Camp Commences Members of the Lancers drum line participate in the first day of Band Camp on Monday on what was a Hawaiian themed day. The Lancers Marching Band were busy preparing for this year's halftime show. See more on page 8 and 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

School Board Changes Policy on Adding Topics to Agenda

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the recent School Board meeting, one of the items of business was a final reading of a policy amendment to allow school board members the chance to have items put on school board meeting agendas.

The policy amendment reads: "No Board member shall be refused an Agenda Item(s), unless the item has been deliberated and voted on in the past 6 months and there is no new information pertaining to the topic."

The policy amendment proposal was first raised by School Board

Chair, Bob Slater, explaining that there had been times in the past before he was chair when was denied the chance to have items put on the agenda.

"I don't ever want a sitting board member that's been elected by the community to be refused an agenda item,"

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Town Manager Meets with DES to Plan Water System

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee made water a central priority last July with an expansion of the Pennichuck water system to new homes. As part of the project, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, was in talks with the state of NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to discuss the possibility for the state to help town residents still connected to well water sources.

"I had the privilege of talking to the DES Commissioner, Scott, together with Councilor Dunn

and Chairman Farrell and members of his staff," said Malaguti. "We talked about the \$9.7 million bill to fund a water crossing to get Pennichuck supply across the Merrimack River."

While the initial \$9.7 million grant has already been confirmed, DES Commissioner, Robert Scott, also offered what he called "once in a lifetime" funding from the state, with support from the federal government to help with the project if approved by the town. As part of a 2019 settlement, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics is already

installing new water lines in the area, and the Town Manager hinted that the company might be able to help with some expansion work.

There are currently six smaller water systems coming online across town that already tie into Pennichuck. As is, the system has enough water to meet increased demand with the new piping.

"It's very important, very significant in getting additional supply into Londonderry, which ultimately will be needed," added Malaguti. "This work is essential

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CIP Members Score Lions Hall as an Urgent Priority

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The one potential future project reviewed during the July 31 Londonderry Capital Improvements Program Committee meeting was in regards to what is known as Lions Hall.

It was explained by Public Works Director, Dave Wholley, that last September after about 50 years of the town's tenant of the hall the Lions Club vacated the building and the town has assumed the responsibility for the facility and its contents.

Wholley explained

that the building dates back to the 1700s and last October they had an overview of the building done by consultants.

"They gave us a really good professional glimpse of what they see as some real potential problems," Wholley said.

Wholley stated they were given an estimate of \$1 to 3 million if they were to level the building and build a new structure.

"Leveling the property is not an option," Wholley said, noting there is some historical value to the community and they want to preserve the look as much

as possible.

Wholley said he felt comfortable with the figure of \$1 to 2 million, which is what was presented to the CIP Committee for their consideration. He added that they have spoken to a number of different groups and people about what the facility could be

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Moose Hill Project Given Urgent Score by CIP Members

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The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) committee reviewed four potential future projects regarding the school district during the July 31 meeting.

One of the projects up for review by the committee was in regards to the new district office building.

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, who represents the School Board on the CIP committee, said his biggest worry since day one is as they get closer to the end of

their lease at their current location, it leaves them with less options if they weren't able to continue at the location.

"That's my main concern," Slater said.

The sense of unknown is what gives him a sense of urgency to have a plan in place for the future of the district offices. For example, when the lease is up, the current owner may not continue the lease with the district.

"Municipalities should never be under the control of a land owner," Slater said.

With four years left

out of the 10-year lease, members of the committee also felt it should be a higher priority.

"I agree it's needed within three years," Chair Jake Butler said.

Slater also noted that interest rates have gone up and the project's current budget for the project is about \$5.2 M.

Other projects were for Phase I of the Moose Hill expansion project, which has an intended purpose of addressing the overcrowding problem at the school, along with Phase II of the project, which has the goal of

expanding the building to accommodate all day kindergarten.

While the numbers aren't finalized, the cost of Phase I for the Moose Hill project had a cost of \$16.8 million as it was presented to the CIP committee, and Phase II had an amount of \$12.3 million.

The CIP committee also reviewed the potential high school addition project.

Slater said as a School Board, he expects a high school project committee to be formed in the coming weeks or months,

which its work could take a year or two to complete.

"You're in that four to six year range right now," Slater said.

For the CIP proposal, the project is budgeted for about \$107.8 million.

Butler asked Slater if he thought the district office was more urgent than the Moose Hill 1B project, which Slater felt wasn't the case.

"Education is number one," Slater said.

He added, "Education is going to bring a lot more to the community than getting this building

built tomorrow."

As part of the process, the committee was tasked with giving each of the projects a priority score with the lower scores being more urgent than higher scores.

The Moose Hill 1A project was given a "1" by the committee, which is "urgent-cannot be delayed."

The other three projects were given a score of "2", which means "Necessary needed within three years to maintain basic level and quality of community services."

Arrest Made for November St. Mary's Bank Robbery

According to a press release issued last week, by the Londonderry Police Department, Londonderry Police Officers arrested Shelly Williams, a 31-year old homeless woman, for a bank robbery nearly a year ago.

According to the release on Nov. 3, 2022, officers and detectives with the Londonderry

Police Department responded to St. Mary's Bank located at 50 Nashua Road, for a report of a robbery that just happened.

Responding officers learned that a suspect, described as a short, skinny, white female with blonde hair, wearing a green hooded jacket, purple pants, and large sunglasses, had just

passed a note to a bank teller. The note requested a large sum of money in \$100 bills, with no dye packs, and not to call the police. The suspect then fled the area on foot with an undisclosed amount of money.

Detectives processed the scene in the bank and the surrounding areas and were able to gather valuable evi-

dence of the crime. Through a months-long investigation, a suspect was identified, and an arrest warrant was issued.

Last month, on Monday, July 24, Londonderry Police Officers arrested Williams for the alleged robbery that happened at St. Mary's Bank on November 3.

She was arrested in

the area of 327 Rockingham Road after officers recognized her while she was walking along the roadway. Williams was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Londonderry Police Department for booking and was held without bail. Williams was transported to the Rockingham County Jail where she was arraigned

on July 25, 2023.

Williams was charged with Robbery, a Class-B Felony contrary to NH RSA 636:1, and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug, both Class-B Felonies contrary to NH RSA 318-B:2,I. All three charges are punishable by up to three-and-a-half to seven years in jail.

Agenda

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Slater previously told the School Board."

During a previous meeting, Slater told the board that if the majority of the School Board feels they don't want to move forward with a particular agenda item then the mechanism would be for it to be voted down and no further discussion would need to discuss it,

rather than the item not be on the agenda altogether.

The policy also outlines how the superintendent is responsible for preparing all of the agenda items in consultation with the Board Chairperson and any appropriate school district administrators.

"Items of business may be suggested by any board member, staff member, student, or citi-

zen of the district," the policy reads. "The inclusion of items suggested by staff member, students, or citizens shall be at the discretion of the superintendent, who shall inform the board of any unresolved excluded items and the reason for the exclusion. The agenda, however, shall always allow suitable time for the remarks of the public who wish to speak briefly before the board."

The members approved the policy change.

The board was also asked to vote on accepting General Assurances.

"In recent years, the NH Department of Education has required we bring the General Assurances to the School Board for review and approval," Superintendent, Dan Black, told the board. "For this year, they have added the step of the School Board Chair providing their initials to each page."

Black said General

Assurances are essentially documents the district signs every year "to affirm that we are following the federal rules and regulations to be able to accept our federal funding."

"We do follow all the rules and regulations, which can be found in our 'clean' audit that we receive every year," Black said.

Slater and fellow members tabled the discussion to further review the request.

In personnel news,

the board accepted the retirements of Moose Hill support staff employees Susan Brackett and Karen Dovidio.

The board also accepted the resignations of Alexandra Casey and Christine Derhak, support staff employees at the high school, Janelle Evans a support staff employee at Matthew Thornton, Ross McLean an assistant principal at Londonderry Middle School, and Melanie Smith a teacher at South Elementary School.



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Tim Siekmann Resignation Accepted by Town Council

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council held a special meeting on Monday night, Aug. 7, with just one agenda item listed being Administrative Council Work.

The meeting lasted just one-minute, and the only thing discussed was the acceptance of the resignation of Budget Committee member, Tim Siekmann.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, told the Council

that he had received the resignation on Sunday, Aug. 6, from the Budget Committee Chairman, Patrick Cassidy.

After thanking Cassidy for his work on the matter, the council unanimously voted to accept the resignation.

Siekmann, a longtime member of that committee, was arrested on July 13 and charged with 15 counts of Possession of Child Sex Abuse Images, all felonies contrary to NH RSA 649-A:3 and are

punishable by up to 20-years in jail.

Since then, a number of residents have been calling of the removal of Siekmann from his elected position in town, but the Town Council had stated their hands were tied by the Town Charter and state law.

Quickly after the council meeting, the town issued a press release on the resignation. It read:

“On July 13, 2023, the town was notified that Budget Committee

member, Tim Siekmann, had been arrested on a warrant charging him with 15 felony counts of possessing child sex abuse images. Mr. Siekmann is an elected member of the Budget Committee. Neither Londonderry’s Town Charter nor New Hampshire law, allow the removal of an elected Budget Committee member under these circumstances.

On Aug. 6, 2023, Budget Committee Chairman, Patrick Cassidy,

received Siekmann’s resignation, and transmitted it to the Town Manager and Town Council.”

It also stated, “Following Siekmann’s arrest, the town acted diligently to ascertain its options. While the town acknowledges the desire for prompt and decisive action, the town acted within the parameters of its legal authority to secure an appropriate result for the community. The Town Council intends to promptly fill

the vacancy created by Siekmann’s resignation, and one other existing vacancy, and is pleased the Budget Committee can begin its work on the FY 2025 budget without distraction or delay.”

The resignation letter read as follows:

“In light of the current circumstances, I am resigning from the Budget Committee. The committee has important work to do and they don’t need any distractions from that mission.”

Employee Dismissal Policy Discussed by School Board

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board had a first reading to amend the district’s policy on dismissal of employees.

Superintendent, Dan Black, explained that the policy related to suspension and dismissal of employees didn’t actual-

ly have a written policy when it came to the dismissal of employees.

“We researched NH Laws around the issue and put forward a first draft of what that could look like for the School Board to consider,” Black said.

As part of the policy, a procedure is laid out,

“In the event that the Superintendent of Schools at his discretion finds it necessary to dismiss a member of the staff.”

The first step in the procedure as part of the policy would be for the superintendent to consult with the chair of the School Board indicating

the reason or reasons for the dismissal of the employee.

For uncertified employees the superintendent the proposed policy states the “Superintendent should request the approval of the School Board to hold a dismissal hearing.”

However, “The School Board can also grant the Superintendent the authority to dismiss uncertified employees at the conclusion of the dismissal hearing if they deem it necessary,” the proposed policy reads.

For certified teaching staff, the superintendent would need to coordinate a dismissal hearing with the School Board.

Under the proposed policy before the dismissal hearing the sup-

erintendent would need to communicate to the staff member being recommended for the dismissal hearing in a certified letter “the reason or reasons for this recommendation and the time the hearing is to take place.”

According to the proposed policy, the “Superintendent will continue the employee on salary during the time before the dismissal hearing.”

One of the rights the staff member subject to the dismissal hearing has is to appear at the meeting and “bring to the board any evidence they feels is germane in this matter.”

During the hearing the school board would vote on whether or not dismissal should be

approved.

The School Board would then inform the employee of the results of the hearing in the form of a certified letter.

Black said they were also looking to rescind policy GDPD, which is a duplicate of the Suspension and Dismissal policy being proposed to be amended.

“We figured we’d just have one policy going forward,” Black said.

The School Board approved sending the proposed policy changes to a second reading. Black stated they would be looking for feedback along the way about the proposed changes.

“This is just our best to comply with the laws out there regarding dismissals,” Black said.

Old Home Day Kick Off Concert Features Beatles Tribute Band

For the Old Home Days concert, Concerts on the Concerts will feature the Studio Two Beatles Tribute Band on Wednesday, Aug. 16, on the Town Common - 265 Mammoth Road, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Studio Two is a headlining Beatles band that pays tribute to the early Beatles, choosing songs

from their club and touring years. Band members are experienced musicians of today’s generation dedicated to preserving the memory and fan culture of The Beatles generation. By recreating the Fab Four’s music, appearance, instruments, and onstage banter.

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on the band visit: www.studiotwotributeband.com.

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Editorial

Lazy Days Winding Down

Now that summer is coming to an end, there are things that we just can't ignore. Kids will be back in school before before we know it. The leaves will be beginning to turn, mums will be beginning to be sold, the signs of fall will be all around us very soon. There's no escaping that while the temperature is still plenty warm and the air conditioners are still getting a workout, the change of seasons is in the air.

Wasn't it just a few short weeks ago that school let out for the summer? Time sure does fly. We have had an interesting summer weather pattern this year, from tons of rain to very hot and humid. It's still too nice out to think about winter clothing, but the time for scarves, hats, and boots will be here before we know it.

As I go into stores and see all the fall stuff out already I think this is the earliest I have seen them do that. Yet even as one season fades, the opening of the school year brings with it a sense of everything new once again. Store displays of empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger kids, untouched crayons carry with them an

excitement about things to come. For those of us long past worrying about the first day of school, we still have our memories.

For parents, getting ready for the start of school brings feelings of nostalgia and the reality of the years that are passing. But there's nothing like the opening of school to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring. It's a reminder that we are always growing and learning whatever the season.

So while we still can enjoy plenty of days of wearing flip-flops and shorts, time is running out for the season. In the heat of August, we're spending days and evenings at the beach, by the lake, making use of the backyard pool, and squeezing in a last summer camping trip.

All in all, it's a wonderful time of year, a time when nature's bounty and beauty are on display for everyone to enjoy. These August days call to us to make the most of the hours of sunshine and warmth.

As hardy New Englanders, we now look forward to leaves changing and snow falling.

Letters

Closing Old Mammoth Road is Not the Answer

To the editor,

There has been concern expressed by residents of Londonderry's Old North Village about the traffic that bisects their neighborhood on (Old) Mammoth Road, in that area. This concern, although newly revived, is not new.

In listening to their concerns and emotional pleadings at the Londonderry Traffic Safety Committee meeting on July 17, the lowest common denominator appeared to be eastbound traffic on Grenier Field Road turning right onto Mammoth Road, in order to get to southbound Rockingham Road, (Rt. 28) while avoiding the traffic light at Page Road, & Rt. 28. (Grenier Field Road, transitions to Page Road, at the intersection with Mammoth Road) At that meeting, those residents were encouraged to petition the Town to close-off Mammoth Road, (at the intersection with Grenier Field and Page Roads) with a gate that could still be opened by police and fire vehicles during an emergency.

This would be much like what was done with Devonshire Lane many years ago. That closure and the possible closure of Mammoth Road, in the Old North Village is an apples to oranges comparison.

Devonshire Lane was a man-made, unintended shortcut. (So-called) "Old Mammoth Road" was, prior to the opening of I-93 sometime in the early 1960's, Route 28 and the road from Manchester to Boston.

Mammoth Road itself is, in fact a collector road,

as it receives 2-way traffic from Hall Road, Lori Ln., and others. Hall Road, where I live, is also a collector road. Hey, can I get my road closed too? Anyone else in town want their road closed? I can think of several roads whose residents might like that idea. Maybe the Town can give those who live on these roads a remote "Gate Opener" (kidding!).

Please don't open a Pandora's Box!

This group of Old North Village residents have a legitimate concern but I do not believe gating Mammoth Road, closed is the answer. Folks at that meeting (myself included), mentioned possible remedies to alleviate this concern. I like what the Town Engineer suggested as to taking a small steps approach. That is, try the least costly and easiest remedy first, such as road line striping, etc. and see how it works. No need to jump right in with things like multiple stop signs, "speed tables", full traffic signals, etc. and certainly not advancing directly to road closure gates.

I empathize with the folks living in the North Village, but is it fair to penalize so many other residents in order to make their little neighborhood special? ANY road closure such as this, which impacts far more people than the those who reside there, must be thoroughly and publicly vetted and made known to all Town residents. That road is our safest access to Rt. 28 northbound, via a signalized intersection at Page Road. Might want to include the School District in the conversation, as their school bus termi-

nal could be adversely impacted by such a road closure.

Respectfully,
Robert R. LeBreux,
Londonderry

Looking for Input

To the editor,

I am a long time member of the Londonderry Historical Society. The Society always likes to share all that it can offer. We would like to know what Programs and Events our "Guests" would enjoy. Please email us at info@londonderry-history.org. Hope to hear from you soon!

Kay Webber
Londonderry

One Bad Apple

To the editor,

I am going to miss most of Londonderry's Old Home Day festivities for the first time in 20 years due to another commitment, and I'm a little sad about it. The music, the food, the fireworks...it's always a lot of fun, and what I enjoy most of all is reconnecting with townsfolk I don't get to see very often. We have a wonderful community.

This year's theme is "Small Town Living," but they are often apple-related, for obvious reasons. I was thinking through various punny possibilities when I remembered the old saying, "One bad apple spoils the bunch." One Bad Apple. That's a terrible theme, and I hope it never fits!

Most of us in town can point to someone, especially in positions of influence, whom we consider a Bad Apple. Sadly, we tend to focus on that rot-

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Fire and Police Assist Rec Campers with Cooling Down



Members of the Londonderry Police and Fire Departments stopped by South Elementary School on Thursday, Aug. 3, to give kids at the Recreation Summer Camp program a good dousing of water to cool them down. This was the second year the police were involved, and the first year for fire personnel. Firemen hosed kids down with the fire hose while police took part in a water balloon fight. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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Heritage Commission Reviews Design For Medical Building

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items during the July 27 Heritage Commission meeting was in regards to a design review for a site plan and subdivision to construct an approximate 30,000 square foot office building with associated site improvements on Michels Way, which is part of Woodmont Commons.

It was explained by Chris Nickerson from Nickerson Designs, LLC that they were looking to build a medical office building at the site.

Bob Duval from TF Moran, who was also representing the applicant, explained that the

closest building to them is about 500 feet away, which is the Baldwins and in between the two of them is a detention pond that is shared by the both of them.

Nickerson said about two years ago they were in front of the boards and commissions in town seeking approval to build a 42,000 square foot building on the corner of Main Street and Governor Bell Drive.

"The building really has been a success," Nickerson said.

He told the Heritage Commission that the site is pad ready and it would be similar to their main building known as Derry Medical Center.

"Very very similar to

the first site we've done," Nickerson said.

Nickerson said that they asked people what they liked and didn't like for their first design and one of the suggestions was to add more brick.

"We tried to go all out here with an all brick facade," Nickerson said.

Nickerson said for parking they would have most of it in the rear of the building and they would also have street parking, but would have less street parking than they do at their original building.

"Here we are only fronting Woodmont Ave so street parking is much more limited,"

Nickerson said.

Ex-Officio, Jim Butler, said noted that if they don't need as much parking to the north they could look at adding more landscaping.

Nickerson stated they would look at the user's requirements for parking along with the town's regulations and determine if they could eliminate some spaces.

Butler also suggested expanding the canopy to help keep more patients out of the bad weather.

Nickerson said for signage it would be similar to their first building with it being "scant" on signage and instead would have a focus on the address and destination and once inside they have signage so people know where to go.

The Heritage Commission approved recommending that the Planning Board approve the design with the suggested changes, including having an extended canopy, and removing some parking spaces at the Main Street and Woodmont Ave intersection and instead replacing it with more landscaping.

Lions Hall

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used for one day. "We see it as something that would serve well as a community center," Wholley said, noting it could support ongoing events like Old Home Days, or Concert on the commons as examples. He said it could also one day be used for organizations such as volunteer groups.

Wholley explained they brought the consultants back to the project now that they have some ideas of what they can do with it and expect to see renderings of a conceptual design in the coming weeks.

"We believe it's an important effort that needs to be gone through in order to save the facility," Wholley said.

In terms of urgency, Wholley said in the last year it's been vacant and like any vacant facility he said "you're going to see rapid decay in a facility."

"This isn't something that we can just sit around for five, six years," Wholley said.

One question raised by committee member, Sarah Meier, was if they could sell it to someone.

"It just seems like a money pit to me," Meier said.

Wholley said there is a lot of emotional connection to it and being located across from the town commons and in the central part of town, overall, he doesn't think it's in the best interest of the town to sell.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said it has a lot of history to it. He added that they may move forward with at least bringing it through to the budget process and possibly to the ballot, if possible.

"The council is looking to move it to the ballot this year," Farrell said.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, stated he sees a growing need for offering recreation in town,

which the space could be used for in part for more staff and also it could be used to address another need, which is community space.

"There is no shortage of groups who want to reserve space for their meetings in public spaces," Malaguti said.

Meier also asked if they could fund raise for it instead of raising taxes.

"Fundraising would be a great option if we had time," Farrell said.

Farrell said they need to have a serious conversation during the budget process about what it would look like and what the voters would support.

The CIP Committee ultimately scored the project as a "1" meaning it's considered an urgent priority and "cannot be delayed."

A Planning Board workshop for the CIP plan is expected to take place on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.



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High Range Road Project will Move Forward without Expedited Approval

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on July 25 to discuss the possibility of a revised, expedited wetland permit for an ongoing project at 80 High Range Road, involving the addition of a back driveway from nearby Thornton Road.

Attorney Morgan Hollis of Gottesman & Hollis represented Wendy Shuck for a presentation to the Commission, saying, "We've listened to your feedback, tried to make changes, and think we have it," said Hollis. An earlier application for a

wetland crossing failed to gain approval two months ago over environmental and flooding concerns from neighbors.

Lou Curley of the BSE Group returned to push for approval of the proposed PTSD therapy facility on the property.

"It's a therapy operation where veterans go to have quiet time. It's been very successful, and used in other parts of the county," explained Curley.

Changes to the proposal include a crossing that won't impact the stream running across the property and a concrete stone on either

side that won't be anchored to the stream to support the new driveway. The idea is to minimize the impact on either the wetlands or the stream in response to flooding concerns.

"The stream hasn't flooded between the last time we met; despite the torrential rain we had a couple of weeks ago, there's no direct contact," Curley added. "The new design isn't going to disrupt the flow of the water, it's not going to block the flow, critters can still go up and down, it's not going to block any organisms in the water. Changes also

add accessibility, making it easier to remove debris that might build up. His plans involve support animals, and the Shucks family will include fencing to keep cows out of the wetlands, minimizing the environmental impact."

No more than four vehicles per day will use the new driveway, no one knew the exact numbers after questions from the Commission.

"My biggest concern is that first turn coming off that driveway from Thornton, its more than 90 degrees, that is a hairpin," said Commission

Chair, Marge Badois. Other members worried that a sharp turn onto the driveway would be difficult for larger trucks and could be a safety hazard. "If you're pulling a trailer, it's clearly not going to make it, if there was an accident, it'd fall into the detention pond."

Designers responded by saying that smaller, pickup trucks are already able to access the area, despite a lack of development, and that trailers wouldn't necessarily use the driveway.

Despite changes, Com-

mission members questioned why the driveway needed to be from Thornton Road instead of High Range Road. While the Fire Dept. recommended a driveway on Thornton, expedited applications are typically granted out of absolute necessity.

The Commission voted to deny the expedited application, although the Shucks planned to move forward with a standard wetland permit. Conservation members promised to include some recommendations on driveway changes.

Water

Continued from page 1 towards taking the next steps."

The bill is part of a larger plan to expand the water system meant to provide clean drinking water to residents currently tied to wells in the Saint-Gobain remediation area. The total project will cost \$20 to \$25 million. Although much of the funding for this project is available with help from outside

sources, Malaguti warned utility members that "Londonderry will have to pay" for part of the expansion.

He strongly emphasized both the importance of the expansion and the need for community support to cover the costs of expansion. Londonderry voters supported an initial warrant article in favor of more funding for the water system last year.

"The DES said they'd be willing to come and meet with our citizens

up to five times, even on a weekend in September or October to let us know what they need and have to have" added Councilor and State Representative, Ron Dunn.

Some details are still unclear, including ownership of the line or potential tax burden to Penichuck. All planning is in the preliminary stages, although DES assured the Utilities Committee

and the town of Londonderry their full support moving forward.

Malaguti described the current proposal as "getting the water to the border," only piping across the Merrimack while more work will be required to get it to properties in need for the coming years. He expressed hope that there would be more discussion on work during the upcoming budget season.

OBITUARY

Gene C. DeCamp



Gene C. DeCamp, 99, of Windham, NH, and formerly of Londonderry, NH, Ashland, MA and Holliston, MA passed away on Saturday, Aug. 5, after a period of declining health at Windham Terrace. He was the husband of the late Carmella (Spadano) DeCamp who passed away in 2005. Mr. DeCamp graduated from the College of Liberal Arts at Boston University and received his Master's Degree in Education from Framingham State University. He taught history at Holliston High School and went on to become Chair of the Social Studies Department for Dover-Sherborn Regional High School. One of the highlights of his teaching career was taking his class on a trip to Russia. He was also very involved in community activities in Holliston.

He is survived by three children; Rosemarie Meuse of Ashland, MA, Gene R. DeCamp and his wife Carolyn of Londonderry, NH, Robert DeCamp and his wife Paula of Naples, FL, four grandchildren, Amy Gosztyla, Kara Tartufo, Mark DeCamp, Arianna DeCamp and six great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his son-in-law Philip Meuse.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, Aug. 10, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with burial to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Holliston. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Polycystic Kidney Disease at pkdcure.org.

OBITUARY

Rita S. Fortin



Rita S. Fortin, 81, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, at the High Pointe House, Haverhill, MA. Rita was born on August 9, 1941, in Manchester, NH, a daughter of the late Henry and Rose Anna (Morrisette) Laplante. She was a resident of Londonderry for 54 years, formerly living in Manchester and a communicant of St. Jude Parish in Londonderry. Rita enjoyed crocheting, sudoku, and cooking but most of all loved spending time with family and creating wonderful memories.

She is survived by her two daughters and son-in-law, Tina Fortin and Marie and Scott Martin, all of Londonderry; five grandchildren, Robert Preston and his fiancé Caitlin Florentino, Steven Roberge and his partner Amber Kimball, Elizabeth Preston and her partner William Hopkins, Ashley Martin, and Timothy Roberge; one brother, Roger Laplante and his wife Jeannette of Manchester; sisters-in-law, Pauline Ferron of Hooksett, NH and Laurette Caron of Manchester, brother-in-law, Roger Faucher of Londonderry, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Rita was predeceased by her loving husband of 42 years, Robert Fortin in 2005 as well as her sister, Alice Faucher.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Aug. 7, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at St. Jude Parish, with cremation to follow. A graveside service was held on Wednesday Aug. 9 at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public Hearing

CASE NO. 6/21/23-2: Request for a special exception from LZO 4.1.2 to allow a group child care center in the Industrial II Zoning District, 6 Akira Way, Map 28 Lot 31-6, Zoned Ind-II, Londonderry Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant). Continued from July 19, 2023.

CASE NO. 6/21/23-3: Request for a special exception from LZO 4.1.2 to allow a group child care center in the Industrial II Zoning District, 104 Grenier Field Rd., Map 17 Lot 2, Zoned Ind-II, Londonderry Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant). Continued from July 19, 2023.

CASE NO. 6/21/23-4: Request for a variance from LZO 4.6.1.3.B.12 to allow retaining walls in the conservation overlay district, 104 Grenier Field Rd., Map 17 Lot 2, Zoned Ind-II, Londonderry Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant). Continued from July 19, 2023.

CASE NO. 6/21/23-5: Request for a variance from LZO 4.1.2 to allow a retail sales establishment in the Industrial II Zoning District, 6 Akira Way, Map 28 Lot 31-6, Zoned Ind-II, Londonderry Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant). Continued from July 19, 2023.

CASE NO. 6/21/23-6: Request for a variance from LZO 4.1.2 to allow retail sales establishment in the Industrial II Zoning District, 104 Grenier Field Rd., Map 17 Lot 2, Zoned Ind-II, Londonderry Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant). Continued from July 19, 2023.

Request for Re-hearing regarding Case No. 6/21/23-1 in which the Board denied a variance under LZO 4/1/2 to allow multi-family residential in the Industrial II Zoning District, 104 Grenier Field Rd., Map 17 Lot 2, Zoned Ind-II, Londonderry Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant).

CASE NO. 8/16/23-1: Request for a variance from Section 4.2.1.3(C) of the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance to allow a garage to be located 16.3 feet from the front property line where a 40 foot setback is required, 3 Meadow Dr., Map 4, Lot 38, zoned AR-1, Timothy L. Savoy and Ayse Kalkan-Savoy, owners and applicants.

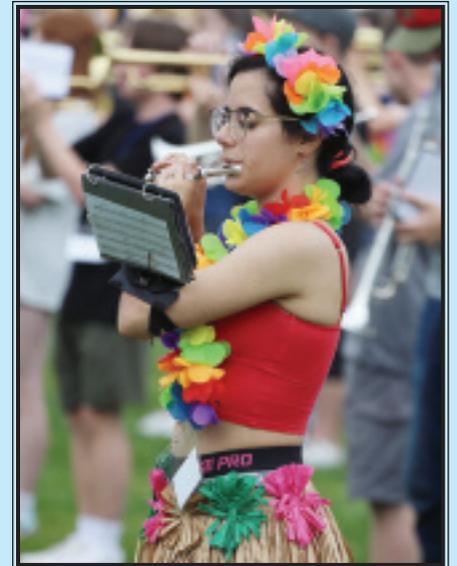
CASE NO. 8/16/23-2: Request for a variance from Section 4.6.6.7.F.5.b of the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance to allow a sign 20 ft. in height where 10 ft. is the maximum permitted, 174/178 Rockingham Rd., Map 15, Lot 61 & 61-7, zoned C-II, 28 Performance Overlay District, 2V Londonderry LLC, owner, Nouria Energy Corporation, applicant.

CASE NO. 8/16/23-3: Request for a variance from Section 4.6.6.7.F.5.c.i of the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance to allow a sign 70 sf. in area where 30 sf. is the maximum permitted, 174/178 Rockingham Rd., Map 15, Lot 61 & 61-7, zoned C-II, 28 Performance Overlay District, 2V Londonderry LLC, owner, Nouria Energy Corporation, applicant.

CASE NO. 8/16/23-4: Request for a variance from Section 4.6.6.7.F.5.e. to allow a sign that is neither a monument sign nor a directory sign, where these are the permitted sign types, 174/178 Rockingham Rd., Map 15, Lot 61 & 61-7, zoned C-II, 28 Performance Overlay District, 2V Londonderry LLC, owner, Nouria Energy Corporation, applicant.

CASE NO. 8/16/23-5: Request for a variance from Section 7.7.E.3 of the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance to allow a changeable electronic sign where changeable electronic signs are not permitted, 174/178 Rockingham Rd., Map 15, Lot 61 & 61-7, zoned C-II, 28 Performance Overlay District, 2V Londonderry LLC, owner, Nouria Energy Corporation, applicant

Lancers March Into Band Camp With Music of Motown



Londonderry High School Lancers Marching Band began their annual summer camp on Monday, Aug. 7, with a Hawaiian theme to prepare for their upcoming halftime show. This year's show theme is "The Music of Motown" featuring the songs "Get Ready," "Dancing in the Streets," "Stop! In the Name of Love," "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)," "Reach Out I Will Be There", "I'll Be There," "I Want You Back," "ABC," "Sir Duke" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." The show will be performed during halftime at all the home football games and selected away game.

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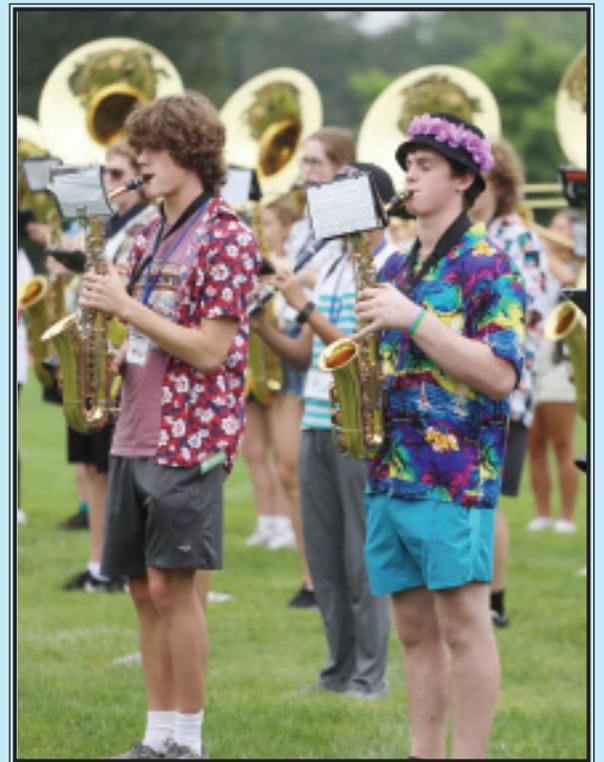
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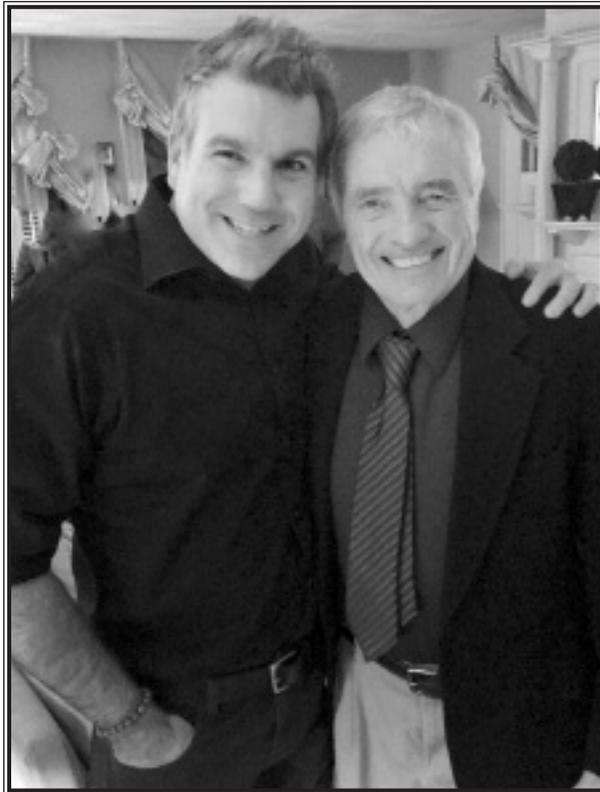
Tom Sawyer Becomes State, Hall of Fame Coach A Legacy Built on Integrity, Trust, and Discipline

SUBMISSION BY
BRIAN SMITH

When I received a call from my former high school football coach, Tom Sawyer's wife Kathy, to inform me that Coach Sawyer was being inducted into the NHIAA Hall of Fame as a member of the 2023 class, it had me reflecting on what an honor it was to play for coach Sawyer. For many he has figuratively been a Hall of Famer and it's nice to know that he will receive such an award that will only serve to further cement his legacy for generations to come.

When my family moved to Londonderry in the mid 80's, one of the selling features about the school system was that the High School football team was coming off of a state championship. For a young 12 year old with dreams of

playing high school football, the idea that the Town of Londonderry had a solid football program was all that mattered to me. Two years later as an 8th grader getting ready to graduate from Londonderry Jr. High, during one of my final lunches in the spring of 1988, I remember a powerful voice coming from the front of the cafeteria. Powerful enough to get the entire middle school cafeteria to go into complete silence, so quiet that you could hear a plastic straw drop. I remember those around me who had older siblings who played football for the Lancers whispering that it was coach Sawyer... Indeed it was. He was there to sign up any incoming freshman boys who wanted to play high school football. "Come on up here and sign my clipboard if you want to



Londonderry High School graduate, Brian Smith, with his football coach and Hall of Fame inductee, Tom Sawyer.

be a Lancer." From that day on, little did I know what an impact "Coach Sawyer" would have on my life. An impact I know I share with so many who had the

opportunity to play for Tom Sawyer over his 27 years at the helm of the Londonderry Lancer Football program. It has been decades since I have resided in

Londonderry, but for many of us who grew up in the quiet New England town known for its pristine country roads and apple orchards, it was a meaningful place to call home. Like anything special, things change, new leadership, new residents and although growth can do wonders for a town, the fabric of what was special for others may have to be searched for with a bit more intention. Coach Sawyer, very much like Mack's Apples, will always be part of Londonderry's fabric. I appreciate the Londonderry Times offering me the platform to share with those in town who may remember the legacy of Coach Sawyer and for residents who may not know the origin of "Sawyer's Nest"...

Integrity

As student athlete coach was simply someone I knew who would always be there for his players. He was intense and held us to high performance standards but this infused the team with a deep desire to win. With Intensity, was

how coach Sawyer ran his practices and how he coached on game day. Perhaps one of coach's greatest gifts that he could bestow on young men was his ability to get the very best out of his athletes. If you were on his team, and out on the field, whether as a starter, a back up or special teams player, he was going to get the most talent out of you and many times it was happening without the player even realizing it. However, it was the lessons that he taught us about how one conducts themselves on and off the field that is often overlooked. Sportsmanship came first. Character was important and we took pride in the uniforms that we wore and the school we represented. Coach Sawyer's Londonderry career is an impressive one that spans 27 years with a stellar 182-90 win/loss record, and 6 state championships with the later years coming against the best teams in NH Division I football. Years later after leaving Londonderry High, I

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GDTC Finish Rain Shortened Summer Fun Runs Series

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) had a very abbreviated Summer Fun Run series this year due to the weather and on Monday evening, Aug. 8, participants were recognized for their accomplishments.

The top three finishers in the older groups received backpacks before the weekly races finished up with all other runners getting medals and T-shirts.

Overall series winners were as follows:

In the boys' 9-year-

old group, Rylan Cullen of Derry was first, TJ Satusosso of Derry was second and Ross Morrison of Londonderry came in third.

The girls' 9-year-old group had Sasha Solovyeva of Hudson finish in first, Audrey Pisani of Derry was second and Zoey MacAskill of Londonderry and Ryla Zatzky of Windham tied for third.

The boys' 10-year-old group had Andrew Solovyev of Hudson take first with Colin McKenna of Derry in second and Reid Spencer of Londonderry in third.



In the girls' 10-year-old group, Calina MacGillivray of Londonderry came in first, Brooke

Reiff of Windham was second and Lacy Manzer of Londonderry and Madeline Tvetter were tied for third.

In the boys' 11-year-old race, Nicholas Tiney of Sandown was first, Toby Molloy of Manchester took second, and Uriah Geisser, of Londonderry came in third.

In the girls' 11-year-old race, twins Meghan Mullaney and Adelynn Mullaney of Derry finished in first and second.

In the boys' 12-year-old race, Bennett MacCulloch of Londonderry

was first and Jacob Tiney of Sandown finished second.

In the girls' 12-year-old division, Emma Cyr, and Isley Morrison of Londonderry tied for the top spot and Kelsey Satusosso of Derry finished in second.

For the boys' 13-year-old group, Mason Hernandez of Londonderry took first, Dimitri Sarantis of Pelham was second, and Dominic White of Derry was third.

For the 13-year-old girls' group, Stella Dutton of Londonderry was first and Jocelyn McGarry of Windham took second.

Sawyer

Continued from page 10 made the effort to get to really know the man behind the clip board on a personal level. He was invited to my wedding in 1998 and today I am grateful to call my coach a friend for life.

Trust

The importance of trust between an Athlete and Coach can't be stated enough, especially with the expectations a coaching staff has for those who sign up to play high school football. Trust in a coach is

just as important for parents who willingly endorse their child to play a sport that comes with the dangers of potentially life altering injuries. Coach Sawyer was always going to give it to you straight. On a coach Sawyer team, you can bet that there was not going to be any hierarchy on how a roster was chosen and who played. You could be assured that if you were the better player, who outworked, out studied, and out performed your competition, you would be playing. Heading into

my senior year in 1991 as a result of the success of prior Londonderry teams, the NHIAA moved Londonderry up to the top tier of Class L/Div 1. Knowing that the schedule would be one of the toughest in Londonderry history, and a team that only had three returning starters from the previous year, for the first time in many seasons, Londonderry Lancers went into about every game as the underdog. Yet, for coach Sawyer, there were no excuses, there was no change in how he coached us and the expectation remained that we would be in every game we played with the intent to win.

Discipline

There is already a level of discipline that comes with being a student athlete. Any sport at the high school level requires discipline given

the time dedicated to off season conditioning, in season practice, and game preparation. The type of discipline that comes from a coach Sawyer player is a discipline that was instilled over seasons and becomes an intangible in how it shows up in your life. At age 49, my senior football season in 1991 was quite some time ago, yet my experience in playing with such discipline can be seen and felt in all aspects of my life- personal and professional. My business success can be attributed in large part to the discipline of playing three years for Coach Sawyer where accountability and expectations were always high. To learn this at such a young age was invaluable.

As Londonderry High School football players get ready to start up another season, there

will be reminders along the way of all those coach Sawyer teams that came before...who laid the foundation for a wonderful program whose excellent tradition continues with today's current staff and players. The ghost of Lancers past and my soon to be inducted Hall of Fame Coach reside on those fields off of 295 Mammoth Road. As legend has it "Sawyer Time" was when the hands on coach's gold watch stopped ticking during practice if a drill

or a break out session was not going as planned. Real time stopped, and no-one was leaving practice until the job was done.

Congratulations coach Sawyer to you and your entire family on your induction into the NHIAA Hall of Fame. We have finally arrived on "Sawyer Time!"

Brian Smith was a graduate of the LHS Class of 1992. He was a Londonderry Varsity Football Quarterback and Safety in 1989, 90, 91

OBITUARY

Jerry R. Staggs



Jerry R. Staggs, 81, of Londonderry, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Friday Aug. 4, 2023, in his home. He was born on Nov. 5, 1941, in Hohenwald, TN, a son of the late Earl and Ada (Mitchell) Staggs. Jerry was a resident of Londonderry for 46 years, formerly living in Littleton, MA.

He worked for HP/Digital Equipment for over 40 years. He was an aspiring playwright and had several of his plays produced. In the early 1980s he and his wife Shirley were avid square dancers and active in the music and drama club in Londonderry.

Jerry is survived by one son and his wife, Michael and Wendy Staggs of Londonderry, NH; his domestic partner, Cynthia Litchfield; and her children Kate (Ben Sisneroz) and their two children Ben and Bryan and Bryan Litchfield (Gretchen) and their daughter Addison. Jerry was predeceased by his wife Shirley Staggs.

There will be no calling hours. Following cremation, memorial services were held by the family at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Londonderry on Wednesday Aug. 9. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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covered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want, and a mythology textbook's worth of monsters on his trail. When Zeus's master lightning bolt is stolen and Percy becomes the prime suspect, he has to find and

return the bolt to prove his innocence and prevent a war between the gods. But to succeed on his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the thief. He must travel to the Underworld and back; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and come to terms with the father who abandoned him. Adapted from the best-selling book by Rick Riordan and featuring a thrilling original rock score, The Lightning Thief is an action-packed mythical adventure "worthy of the gods".

"It's a classic story finally being portrayed on the stage," Ethan White, who plays Percy encourages everyone to come, "It's super fun and everyone will enjoy it."

"It's a very upbeat show with a lot of rock vibes and music," Hanna



Carrol (Annabeth) says, "We've put so much hard work into it and it's a lot of fun."

"It's such a unique and original show," Ryan Kaplan (Grover) says, "It has such an amazing cast and team."

The Lightning Thief features a talented cast drawn from all over New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts.

The musical is directed by Tim Gore and

Music Director Betsy Brown, along with Dance and Fight Choreographer Katy Gore and Stage Manager Maddy Buchanan.

The cast includes: Hanna Carroll, Chloe Ferraro, Michaela Horan and Reya Rivera of Londonderry; Lorelei Stahl and Allison Zenga of Derry; Mabel Backman, Avery Barcelos and Michael Hughes of Hampstead; Ryan Kaplan of Windham; Katie

Scali of Sandown; Emma Durand of Hudson; August Emmert and Shane Gillis of Nashua; Camille Bishop of Bedford; and Ethan White of Groton, Mass.

The Lightning Thief will be presented on Friday, Aug. 11 and Saturday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry). Tickets are on sale at ovationtc.com.

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Ice Cream Social

Bring friends and family to the Londonderry Senior Center's popular ice cream social on 535 Mammoth Rd., Thursday, Aug. 17, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. A popular fundraiser open to the public, it provides all-you-can-eat sundaes at \$5 per person. Sign ups are taking place at the front desk of the Senior Center. Walk-ins are welcome too.

Free RC Air Show

The NH Flying Tigers will hold a Radio Control Air Show on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (rain date Sunday Aug. 13). Held at the Flying Tigers airfield accessed next to the Total Air Supply building on 1 B-Street in Derry, the free event will offer demonstrations of warbirds, helicopters, aerobat-

ics, drones and scale planes all day. Food and refreshments will be available and the public is invited to not only watch the aircraft but also to try flying a radio control aircraft. For information, visit <http://nhflyingtigers.com> or contact Paul Pazolt, 603-560-5151

What Happened in Concord?

Find out at the next meet & greet with your state Reps Ron Dunn & Kristine Perez. On Aug. 22 at the Leach Library, down sitars from 6 - 7:30 pm. Join for an update and Q&A to let them know how they can help you.

Karaoke

On Aug. 11, American Legion Post 27 will host Karaoke with DJ Sharon from 7:30 - 11 p.m., at 6 Sar-

gent Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend as well.

Legion Meeting

On Aug. 14, at 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 27 will host a Monthly General Meeting at 6 Sargent Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. All members are welcome to attend.

Legion Cookout

On Aug. 19, The District 4 cookout will be held from noon to 3 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.

Pig Roast

On Sept. 10, American Legion Post 27 will hold a Pig Roast at 6 Sargent Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. Food served at 3 p.m. and cost is

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School Supply Drive

The Beacon Church of Londonderry located at the YMCA is currently running a school supply drive for Londonderry elementary students and their teachers as well as PASTA (Parenting a Second Time Around) program at the YMCA. Here is a list of items: - Pens - Pencils - Binders - Erasers - Crayons - Whiteout - Highlighters - Pencil boxes - Glue Sticks - Colored pencils - Mechanical pencils - Composition books - Pencil sharpeners - 3 & 5 subject notebooks - Holders/pockets for these items - Folders -Tissues (classroom) -Wipes (class-

room) - Stickers (classroom) - Items for the teacher's classroom. Items can be dropped off now until Aug. 13, at the following locations: YMCA Londonderry (Beacon Church) - Troy's Kitchen - O'Shea's Cafe & Tae-The Nest Family Cafe. For more information contact Heather at heather@beaconnh.com or go to their website www.beaconnh.com

D&D: Dragoners Club

Calling all adventurers! Join a quest this summer during one of the stand-alone weekly campaigns. Through Aug. 10, the Dragoners 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.

Battle of the Bands

Battle of the Bands will be held on Thursday Aug. 17 from 7 - 9 p.m. The contest will take place on the Town Commons and the rain location will be the HS café. It's free and open to the public to watch and participate in. If your band wants to take part in this

event go to <https://sites.google.com/londonderry.org/ltownohdbattleofthebands2023/home>. Bands will consist of teenage and adult rock groups performing a wide variety of music. Friends of Music will have a food booth serving hot pizza, snacks, and cold beverages. If you have any other questions contact Serge Beaulieu" sbeaulieu@londonderry.org

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.

Ladybug Picnic

Children and caregivers are invited to bring lunch, along with a blanket to sit on, and listen to a few stories outside (weather permitting). Please check in at the Leach Library children's desk. Our picnic will be moved to the Meeting Room in the case of rain. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, 8/15 at 11 a.m. Registration is

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - July 31

8:16 a.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for a dog bite on Hunter Mill Way.

10:57 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at Route 93 leads to an arrest and vehicle towing. Pablo Iglesias Rodriguez, 39, of Lawrence, MA., charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension; and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

12:17 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Merrimack Street. Anthony Pedra, 40, of Manchester, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000.

5:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Pettengill Road at Industrial Drive.

7:45 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by three officers on Nashua Road at Harvest Moon Road. Michael Nannis, Robert, 48, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

Tuesday - Aug. 1

12:42 a.m. Three officers assist Hudson police with an investigation on Griffin Road.

9:04 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on High Range Road at Shasta Drive leads to an arrest. Nina Fox, 40, of Londonderry, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

12:33 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Valley Street, Manchester. Deanna Moores, 23, of Manchester, charged with Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

1:46 p.m. Violation of Protective Order investigated on at Benson True

Value Hardware Orchard View Drive.

5:43 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers at Planet Fitness on Orchard View Drive.

9:56 p.m. Five officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Devonshire Lane to Restore Peace.

Wednesday - Aug. 2

12:09 a.m. Motor vehicle stop at Londonderry Fire Central Station, on Mammoth Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Colleen Lawson, 58, of Malden, Mass., charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Open Container; Defective Equipment; and Operation of vehicle with an expired License.

1:40 a.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Old State Road, Epping.

5:58 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Oakridge Drive.

4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made at Staples on Nashua Road. Frederick Jones, 58, of Salem, charged with Operating a Vehicle after Certified as a Habitual Offender.

7:31 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Kinsley Street, Nashua. Nicholas Soukaras, 42, of Nashua, charged with: Resist Arrest/Detention; Disobeying an Officer; and Breach of Bail.

7:45 p.m. Warrant served and two arrests made on Holly Lane. Robert Gerhold, 59, of Londonderry and Meghan Williams, 43, of Londonderry, charged with Breach of Bail.

9:15 p.m. Shoplifting investigated at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

Thursday - Aug. 3

2:56 p.m. Services rendered for Identity Theft on Ross Drive.

3:23 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on New Boston Road in Bedford. Devin Luleich, 22, of Bedford, charged with: Disorderly Conduct; and Criminal Mischief.

8:19 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Lawson Farm Road.

11:23 p.m. Investigation of a disabled motor vehicle leads to an arrest on Rockingham Road at Page Road. David Gile, 38, of Londonderry, arrested on a Warrant.

Friday - Aug. 4

1:56 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonege Road.

7:06 a.m. Sudden Death on Currier Drive investigated by five officers.

8:51 a.m. Services rendered by three officers for Suspicious Activity on St. Andrews Way.

1:13 p.m. Animal Control investigates Dog Bite on Phillips Brook Lane.

6:54 p.m. Four officers assisted another Police Department with services at American Legion Post on Sargent Road.

10:58 p.m. Disturbance on High Range Road leads to transport to a hospital.

Saturday - Aug. 5

3:50 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:03 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Litchfield Road.

12:20 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Rail Trail at Liberty Drive and Independence Drive.

11:44 p.m. Services rendered

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required and begins one week prior to each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

Craft Time

Join the Leach Library staff on Monday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. to paint a safari suncatcher in the Meeting Room. Crafts will be provided for the activity, and library staff will be available to help. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Aug. 7. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

Ice Cream Social & Book Tasting

Teens and tweens, it's time to celebrate! Stop by the Leach Library Meeting Room on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. to enjoy an ice cream sundae. While you enjoy your frozen treat, take a look through some books. Choose from a variety of library books to check out, or fill your bag with books to keep! Registration is required and opens on Tuesday, Aug. 8. To register, visit

the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132. Please let the staff know if you have any food allergies during registration.

Library After Dark

On Friday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m., Leach Library will host an after-hours movie night in the main reading room! In this family favorite, a group of young misfits discover an ancient map and set out on an adventure to find a legendary pirate's long-lost treasure (rated PG). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Aug. 4. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Keith Munslow

Special guest Keith Munslow will be visiting Leach Library on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 4 p.m. for a lively family show. Featuring stories, songs, comedy, and drawing, this show is fun for all ages. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Aug. 9. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

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.

Ghosts and Legends

The Leach Library and Derry Public Library are teaming up to bring you Jeff Belanger's Ghosts and Legends program at the Derry Opera House on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be available to purchase from the

Friends of the Derry Public Libraries and the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. There will also be a Q&A and book signing at the end of the program. The Derry Opera House is located at 29 W Broadway in Derry. Seating is limited to 350 people. Registration is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. For more information and to register, visit the Derry Public Library's event calendar at www.derrypl.org or call either library, Derry Public Library at (603) 432-6140 or Leach Library at (603) 432-1132.

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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 or email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

NEA Big Read

Leach Library and the Londonderry Senior Center, in partnership with NH Humanities (NHH), will support the statewide National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) "Big Read" of a novel entitled The Bear by Andrew Krivak. The Bear offers readers an opportunity to join an unimaginable journey into a world both familiar and unknown as we consider what future we want for NH. On Thursday, Sept. 28

at 10:30 a.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, Leach Library staff will facilitate a book discussion on Andrew Krivak's The Bear. An evening book discussion will also be offered at Leach Library on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Registration for the book discussion sessions is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. Participation is limited to 25 participants per book discussion. To register and pick up a copy of the book, please visit the Leach Library main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132. To further explore The Bear's survivalist theme, the Leach Library will welcome Jake King from Thrive Outdoors for a presentation on "Surviving in the Wilderness" on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Registration for the event will open on Thursday, Sept. 7. For a complete list of Big Read partner organizations and more information about Big Read events in NH, visit www.nhhumanities.org/bigread, or contact NH Humanities at (603) 224-4071 or email info@nhhumanities.org.

Letters

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ten one, while all the other good and dedicated public servants fade into obscurity. We are blessed with good and generous neighbors who step up and take responsibility for Londonderry's well-being on our boards, committees and in elected office. Let's not let any one Bad Apple spoil the bunch.

Since I won't see you at the parade, I'll take this opportunity to express my gratitude. To all of those who take time from your families in the

evening to make Londonderry a better place, or who dedicate their days to public service, thank you! Many of us appreciate it very much.

Happy Old Home Day!
Laura El-Azem
Londonderry

Paying for Private Education

To the editor,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the NH school voucher program, which I believe is a misguided and harmful policy that will hurt our public schools and our chil-

dren's future.

The school voucher program, also known as the Education Freedom Account program, allows parents to use public money to send their children to private or religious schools, or to home school them. This may sound like a good idea for some families, but it comes at a high cost for the rest of us.

First, the program takes away millions of dollars from our public schools, which are already underfunded and struggling to meet the needs of all students. Public schools serve all students, regardless of

their background, ability, or need, and they deserve our support and investment.

Second, the program reduces the accountability and transparency of how our tax dollars are spent on education. Private schools are not subject to the same standards and regulations as public schools, such as testing, curriculum, teacher qualifications, health and safety, and civil rights.

Third, the program creates inequities and gaps in educational opportunities and outcomes. The program benefits families who already planned to send their children to

private schools or home school them, rather than expanding choice for those who need it most. For a family of four (2 children), earning less than \$105,000 a year are eligible for \$3,400 per child or \$6,800 plus any applicable additional differential.

Finally, the program reduces the state's funding formula for public schools and creates uncertainty and instability for school districts that rely on state aid. If this much money is available, could it not be better spent on improving public schools, or reducing tuition at our state uni-

versities? I think allowing children to enroll in other public-school districts would be a better way to encourage innovation while providing the high-quality education students will need to succeed in the 21st century.

The school voucher program is not a solution for improving our education system. It is a diversion of public funds and public responsibility. It is a threat to our public schools. I urge our state representatives to reject this program and support our public schools instead.

Jim Green
Londonderry

Police Log

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dered for a Structure Fire on Rockingham Road.

Sunday - Aug. 6

8:26 a.m. A motor vehicle check on Charleston

Avenue leads to an arrest made by four officers. Name: Franklin Rodriguez Jr., 21, of Manchester, charged on: Bench Warrants; Operating a vehicle after Certified as a Habitual Offender; Dis-

obeying an Officer; Driving after Revoked/ Suspended License; and Reckless Operation.

10:38 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:01 a.m. Medical Emergency transported to a Hospital from Nashua Road near Parmenter.

11:26 a.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on Kitty

Hawk Landing.

5:29 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for Juvenile Offenses on Teton Drive.

6:06 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Lance Avenue.

6:27 p.m. Juvenile Offenses results in transport to a hospital from Mercury Drive.

6:31 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Efi on Innovation Way.

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