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Blossom Time

The air in Londonderry has been filled with the sweet smell of apple blossoms in recent weeks. Bees are also buzzing to help promote pollination.

Photo by Sam Paul

Utilities Group Looks to Identify Grant Funding for Future Projects

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities met on May 7 to discuss their next move regarding the Community Power Aggregation Project following a between Utilities Chair, Lynn Wiles, and providers Colonial Power and Freedom Energy. Wiles also met with the Town Council towards the end

of April to get their input on the Aggregation project.

"I think the presentation went well, I think everybody's on board with what we're working on accomplishing," he said.

The current plan will be to hold a public hearing on the Aggregation plan at the May 20 Town Council meeting. Due to legal requirements, there

will also be a second public hearing at an undetermined date, possibly in June.

"Is there a target date for implementation, or not?" asked Utilities member, Paul Ramsey.

Ramsey was informed there is no fixed date for when the plan is set to begin, as town officials hope to wait for lower electricity rates

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110 Acre Airport Area PUD Sails Through Planning

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During a special meeting on May 9, the Londonderry Planning Board held a second public hearing and gave conditional approval of the Village on Technology Hill Planned Unit Development Master Plan.

The proposal was originally continued following a lengthy meeting on April 10.

Dick Anagnost, the co-developer for the project, explained at the previous meeting that the proposed space for the development which was listed as Map 28 Lots 31- 6, 29-2 and Map 17 Lots 2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, is "essentially off Kitty Hawk Landing," current-

ly consisting of seven parcels, for a total of 110 acres which he said meets the definition of a PUD.

"The Village is accessible via Akira Way and Kitty Hawk Landing in Londonderry, NH," the proposed PUD Master Plan stated. "The current physical address is 5 Kitty Hawk Landing, Londonderry, NH 03053."

In the proposed Master Plan executive summary Londonderry Holdings, the applicant, explained that they were proposing "a mixed-use development consisting of over 180,000 square feet of industrial and office buildings with provisions to increase to 333,460 square feet of industrial and office

buildings, 439 apartments for workers at the businesses that will occupy these and adjacent office and industrial buildings, a child care center and a general retail building (which will encompass a general store and will hereinafter be referred to as "general retail store") to support the residences."

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, explained previously that the PUD master plan is essentially the regulatory framework for the PUD and that any individual site plans would then need to be brought forward in order to get approval, based on the master plan. Caron said no formal site plan

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School Board Receive Report on Kindergarten Enrollment

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board received an update regarding the incoming kindergarten class during its May 7 meeting.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said as of the end of last month "we look to have another small incoming Kindergarten class for the next school year."

"Right now, we have 152 Kindergarten students officially registered, and another 24

that have started but not completed the process," he said.

It was explained by Black that for the last few years, with their registration system being centralized they generally "have not seen a huge change in enrollment over the summer that we may have seen more 5 to 10 years ago."

Black noted that if the numbers hold where they are right now, then they would have "back to back small classes."

"If next year's incoming Kindergarten class

holds to this pattern, then we would only expect to get about 15 more enrolled students over the summer," Black wrote in a memo. "That means our highest current projection for incoming Kindergarten

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Conservation Prepare Musquash Trail Work with New Volunteers

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on April 23 to discuss the ongoing issue of trail improvement in the Musquash Conservation Area.

"We mentioned needing trail work done in Musquash and I have had amazing responses from people by Facebook, email, calls, text, and everybody has been out scouting for things that need to be addressed," said Chair, Marge Badois, who was surprised and impressed

with the help. "I was contacted by the manager of Home Depot, they have a group called Team Depot that likes to go out and help communities do stuff like this, we've got the folks from the Mountain Bike Association, and just normal citizens. I think we could have quite a crew growing once we get a plan."

The Chair wanted a more detailed plan to organize the volunteers. The Commission's maintenance budget was expected to cover the cost of materials like new wood for boardwalk re-

placement. She discussed ways of making the trails more accessible for wheelchairs by smoothing trimming back roots, and ensuring boardwalks are at least 36 inches wide. Other ideas included updating the park map and clearing out a culvert near Adams Pond trail to prevent overflows.

The Commission also received an updated estimate on new signs for Lithia Springs.

"The grand total is \$6,911," said Badois, referring to two signs, one at the Spring House

and one at the head of the causeway.

Conservation member, Deborah Lievens, suggested connecting with the Heritage Commission for help on the sign, as that body has been active in work around Lithia Springs.

"I think we need to make a request of them," said Lievens, seeing if they could ask for donations or contribute financially to the cost of the signs.

Another sign for Mack's Apples is still in the planning stage.

The Commission also looked at the plan for

The Village on Technology Hill, which is not supposed to have a significant wetland impact, despite there being several wetland sections on the property.

Badois noted the existing project "was not a lot of impact" compared to the "acres" of wetland on the property and the developer has committed to keeping 40 acres of the surrounding property in a "vegetated state." However, Conservation members wanted to be in a position to object in case The Village plan changes and

were concerned at their lack of input for other environmental issues on the project beyond the wetlands.

"I would make sure that we can make a recommendation," said Alternate, Mike Speltz, who wanted to attend a Town Council or Planning Board meeting to voice their opinions. "It would probably be good to be at the meeting to explain ourselves."

The next Conservation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

Utilities

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before putting aggregation in effect.

"We're not going to roll this out if it's going to cost people money," said Wiles. "We're not doing this for the sake of doing it."

Member, Jeff McGraw, promised to post public hearing dates and locations on the Committee's Facebook page.

The Chair talked with Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, about possibly applying for block grants to support future projects. Nothing concrete had yet been planned as members worked to identify what state and federal utility grants might be worth the effort.

"We're going to be working through the Finance Department," explained Wiles. "There's two consultant groups

that we work with who will fill things out to do the actual grant applications."

One company is Littleberry Press, another is Weston & Sampson. Both provide grant application writers to Londonderry on retainer.

"It's important for us to understand what grants the town has put in for," said member, Mike Speltz. "I think it's important that we kind

of know what the town has put in for, and how successfully they have been, because I think in going to the drinking water trust fund, we find that they have put in for grants that they've been denied. That's not a good thing."

He emphasized the proposed expansion of Londonderry's municipal water system over the next 20 years as being an important target for future grants. He

also wanted to look into grants designed to help the town protect its existing water groundwater sources.

"It might be useful for us to understand a little better how the town applies for grants, what the process is for the town applying for grants. Is there someone in the town administration that combs and looks for different grants that are available?" asked member, Anne Fenn.

The Chair informed her there was nobody on the town payroll to specifically look for grants, that job is typically left to different town committees, boards, and departments. The Utilities Committee moved to request more information on grants.

The next meeting of the Utilities Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room of Town Hall.

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PUD

Continued from page 1 reviews could happen until the Master Plan is approved.

In the executive summary, it was explained that the "Village consists of 3 distinct zones."

"To the east is the industrial zone consisting of a 60,000 square foot building for Envision Technology, an approximately 20,000 square foot building for OnPoint Systems, a 5,000 square foot office building for the Solinsky Family Office and Family Foundation," the executive summary stated.

It was explained that an additional pad site "will also be prepared for a 263,000 square foot industrial building to support Envision Technology as it continues to grow, and future pad ready site for an additional 12,000 square foot building."

Envision Technology is owned by the other co-developers, Anagnost noted. It was previously described by Anagnost as having a focus on "developing and producing electro optical systems which helps their customers detect, see, and locate their targets."

He also said that it's "clean manufacturing."

"West of the industrial zone and separated by the natural topography, a road, and landscaping, is the residential zone consisting of 439 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments in 9 residential buildings, as well as a community building," the executive summary

stated. "These 10 buildings are formed in a large oval surrounding a village green. This expansive green grass area will have a children's playground area, dog park, and picnic tables. In addition, the northwest area of the property will have a parcourse for walking and exercising in a wooded environment."

It was explained in the summary that to the north of the residential area "is the Village entrance from Akira Way."

"This entrance will have a general retail store," the summary stated. "This general retail store will provide convenient access to sundries, sandwiches, ice cream and other items associated with general retail stores historically in small villages throughout NH. The Akira Way entrance will also include a childcare facility to serve the Village and employees of other companies in the area who have preschool children. A cov-

ered bus stop will be by the entrance area and along Akira Way."

At the May 9 meeting, Town Staff was prepared to make a recommendation on the PUD.

"We are recommending conditional approval this evening," Caron said.

One of the questions raised was what kind of conversations have occurred with the public and how they have gone.

Nick Golan from TF Moran explained that Kevin Smith, a consultant for the project and the former Town Manager, reached out to "several stakeholders" to make sure there is understanding on the project.

He said specific concerns people had were able to be addressed, particularly for abutters.

Asked about the timeline for the project it was noted the goal would be to have construction done in three to six years, for the entire project, once the site plans are approved, along with the PUD.

Golan previously

went through a number of proposed modifications as part of the Master Plan proposal, including to allow 200 dwellings to be built per year, with the goal of having them all built in a four year span. He said that's in comparison to the ordinance which allows 20 per year.

Resident, Dan Bouchard, during public input, raised concerns about the effect it may have on the schools by bringing in additional housing.

Golan explained their study, and Superintendent, Dan Black, agreed it wouldn't have a significant impact since there is still capacity in all the grades, noting that enrollment has been declining. He added that it was one of the things

looked at following the first public hearing.

It was noted by Caron that based on the state formula, each unit would add .17 students.

One of the concerns raised by some residents in town, during the previous meeting, and the May 9 meeting, was in relation to traffic.

Planning Board Chair, Jake Butler, explained that if the PUD was approved then each stage that goes forward would start the process from the beginning for each individual site plan, noting that they would need to go through the Planning Board process, which would include traffic studies among other things.

"This is by no means the end of the process for traffic," Butler said.

Resident, Kevin Zin, on the other hand, said he was in support of the project, based on what is trying to be accomplished and the area.

Planning Board member, Lynn Wiles, said he thinks they need a "comprehensive corridor plan" for the north part of town.

Caron said they have started looking at it for part of the area.

Butler said he thinks this project is really interesting," noting that the part of town where it would be originally had the intent to be a place where people worked and had housing in the same area, 200 years ago.

The Planning Board ultimately gave its conditional approval for the PUD Master Plan.

OBITUARY

Erica Lynn Williams

Erica Lynn Williams, 44, of Manchester, NH died Sunday May 5, 2024 at her home unexpectedly. Erica was born in Weymouth, MA on Oct. 19, 1979, a daughter of Charles Nickerson, Jr. and Janet (Tupper) Nickerson. She had resided in Manchester for the past four years, formerly living in Londonderry, NH, Scituate, MA, and Iowa.

In addition to her parents of Londonderry, Erica is survived by her two daughters, Mary Williams, and Megan Williams, both of Milford, NH, one brother, Charles P. Nickerson III and his wife Mindy of Davenport, IA, three sisters, Brooke Nickerson of York, SC, Rachael Nickerson of Nashua, NH, and Christy Anderson of Moline, IL. She also leaves nieces, nephews, and two great nephews.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Tuesday, May 14, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A time a sharing was held after. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Manchester Animal Shelter, 490 Dunbarton Rd., Manchester, NH 03102.

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Editorial

Preventing Lyme Disease

New Hampshire has an amazing quality of life outdoors with all four seasons, each one with different outdoor activities.

I love getting out of the house and getting some fresh air, however, my relationship with the outdoors has changed since having been diagnosed with Chronic Lyme Disease.

Since summer is around the corner and Lyme Disease Awareness Month is May, it's time for an annual refresh regarding ticks and Lyme disease.

Most people feel that you need to have a bull-eye rash to develop Lyme Disease, this isn't always the case. Typically, when a person first contracts Lyme Disease, they will develop flu-like symptoms about 7-21 days after the tick bite, with or without the rash. Lyme disease can spread to most organ systems including the heart and the central nervous system, hence the nickname "The Great Masquerader" since it could develop symptoms that mimic most any other disease.

Lyme disease can cause symptoms as serious as cardiac arrhythmias and even sudden cardiac arrest. It can cause neurological symptoms that often appear like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease. Aside from the flu-like symptoms, some other less obvious signs of Lyme include a buzzing or tingling sensation on the skin, a burning nerve pain, a great amount of joint pain, muscle pain, and incredible muscle stiffness.

Victims can experience a lot of

"brain fog", resulting in poor memory, difficulty with language skills, and in some cases even out right dementia. Though they are most prevalent in the summer, ticks can bite every month of the year.

There are a number of ways to prevent being bitten. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make them tick resistant. DEET or Lemon Eucalyptus Oil can also be used as insect repellent for the skin. Wearing light and bright-colored clothing can help make it easier to spot ticks. Tucking the bottoms of pant legs into socks can prevent the ticks from climbing and hiding on legs. Clothes can also be put in a dryer for 10 minutes on high heat after coming in from outside to kill ticks.

If a tick becomes latched, remove it as soon as possible. The tick should then be placed in a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel with the date and name of the person who was bitten marked on the bag. It should then be brought to a doctor or sent to a lab to see if the tick was a carrier of Lyme disease or other infections.

Despite everything I still love to be outdoors, but now I usually do so in long pants sprayed with permethrin, and double up with a natural insect repellent for good measure. I also check for ticks even if I haven't been outside.

Enjoy the fresh air this season, but be sure take preventative measures from tick bites and seek prompt treatment if necessary. Stay safe!



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Letters

'Ethics' Complaint Against Councilor Farrell Dismissed by Council

To the editor,

In response to the highlighted issue, it seems it would be appropriate at the next organizational meeting following the March 2025 election, that a code of conduct be established for members of the Town Council.

This is highly concerning that the town manager pursued a frivolous complaint against former councilwoman Deb Paul, but refuses to hold councilman Farrell accountable, who has accosted citizens multiple times now outside public meetings.

This is a repeat of an incident with citizen Richard Bielinski that also occurred during John Farrells tenure, said incident being witnessed by Captain Breen from the police department, who reportedly advised Councilman Farrell "you may not want to do that."

At some point, this becomes citizen intimidation. We already have Town employees who laugh about how often we are sued. Let's not allow a runaway councilman to give us yet one more opportunity to be held liable for something as a community, seeing as it is my tax dollars that pay when these things rise to the level of legal action.

Mr Town Manager, Mr. Chairman, We'd like to know what steps you are taking to reign in runaway Councilman Farrell, who apparently thinks he can treat citizens however he'd like.

I request a constructive response within 5 days. Mr Chairman, I would note as a final point that the School

Board draws lessons in governance from how you run Public Meetings.

Please advise.

Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry

Property Taxes

To the editor,

We are all anticipating a tax bill shortly. Some of you know that, since my retirement, I have amused myself by delving into Londonderry's history. A few days ago, I came across an editorial in the Londonderry Times that contained a 'tongue in cheek' comment about property taxes.

"And last but not least, we have all been made happy by a new appraisal of our farms and merchandise by three good men and true. Those of us who are "put up," rejoice, in knowing that we have more worldly gear than we supposed, and those that are "put down" rejoice in lessening burdens of taxation, while the happiness of both may reasonably be expected to culminate in March next when the bills come in."

This insightful comment was not made by the Editor of the current newspaper, although I'm sure she could match it, but by that of the Londonderry Times in 1868 - well over 150 years ago. Mr. Robert C. Mack was the Editor and publisher of that most interesting document.

David Ellis
Londonderry

Museum Open House

To the editor,

On Sunday, May 19, from 1 - 3 p.m., the Londonderry Historical Society will host our first Open House of the year!

Tour the c1760 Morri-

son House Museum, the c1840 R.P.Clark & Sons Blacksmiths Shop, and the c1859 Parmenter Barn while learning more about Londonderry's past!

We're also thrilled that the New Hampshire Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NHSSAR) will be on site!

They'll be performing drills to further their mission to "perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American People."

We welcome everyone to stop by, learn more about our wonderful town's history and about both the Historical Society and the NHSSAR!

Our museum is located at 140 Pillsbury Road, right between Moose Hill Kindergarten and Orchard Christian Fellowship Church.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Ann Chiampa
Curator
Londonderry
Historical Society

Israel: A Sovereign Nation

To the editor,

Who is Joe Biden telling Israel, a sovereign nation, what they should and shouldn't do regarding self-preservation from Hamas and Iran who have the stated objective of wiping Israel off the face of the earth. To tell Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Israel shouldn't attack Hamas strongholds in Gaza is meddling in Israel's sovereignty and survival. Hamas, a US recognized terrorist organi-

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Field Study Contract Gets Approved by School Board

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the May 7 School Board meeting, a proposal to award the contract for the field study was discussed.

"We are looking for approval to award the contract for the field study to Huntress Associates," Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, told the School Board.

In a memo to the School Board, it was explained that "Londonderry has a significant investment in its fields, and they are in need of maintenance and repairs."

"As is the strategy of the District to have long-term capital improvement plans, having this study completed will allow for budgeting and implementing much needed field repairs. Having a plan to

prioritize field needs will conserve resources and efficiently update the town's investment in fields," the memo stated.

Athletic Director, Jimmy Lauzon, said they brought the idea forward in the fall during the budget process, which was approved to have funding for it.

He said the idea is "really an analysis to start," noting they would be looking to bring a master plan forward to outline the future needs of the fields, along with the strategies to accomplish it.

The contract would be for \$58,450, which was included as part of the FY 25 budget approved by voters in March, Lauzon noted.

"We reached out to two other vendors and they both did not submit

bids," the memo to the School Board stated. "This is a specialized service, and the Field Study team is comfortable with this vendor to meet the needs of the District. From this study the Fields Committee can prioritize and budget for field improvements."

When asked about when the work would be able to be completed, Lauzon said the company could get started right away, as soon as the funds are available, which is July 1.

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, noted the fields were built with limited resources and by volunteers and it will be good to examine what needs to be done at the different fields.

The School Board approved awarding the contract.

In other news, Superintendent, Dan Black, asked if there was any feedback from the School Board regarding the 2024 to 2028 CTE Agreement between Manchester, Londonderry, Goffstown, and Bedford.

"This agreement has gone through a round of feedback, discussions, and revisions between the four Superintendent's and their staff," Black wrote in a memo.

He said the attorneys for each of the districts "will also review and offer potential revisions."

"As we go through the review process there could be some questions that are related to legal reviews as well as negotiations that have gone on that I might need to answer in non-public before this agreement is

finalized and agreed to by all the School Boards," Black wrote in a memo.

No suggested changes or input was given by the School Board. Black said he would be bringing the final proposed agreement back to the School Board at a future meeting.

In personnel news, the School Board approved some resignations including Brittany

Borgatti, a teacher at Londonderry High School, Michael Cuddyer, a teacher at Londonderry Middle School, Emily Dawson, a teacher at Londonderry High School, Mackenzie Hancock, a support staff employee at Moose Hill, Kristen Tornquist, a teacher at Londonderry Middle School, and Erin Williams, a support staff employee for Moose Hill.

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Town Council Approve Lease For Ballot Counting Machines

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council received a presentation from Town Moderator, Jonathan Kipp, and Town Clerk, Sherry Farrell, during the May 7 meeting regarding ballot counting machines.

"What I'm asking for tonight is for the Council to vote to adopt the VotingWorks VxSuite 3.1 Electronic Ballot Counting Device for use in

Londonderry elections," Kipp told the Town Council.

He explained that himself and Farrell have had discussion with representatives from Voting Works for "quite a while."

Kipp explained that they can only use machines and devices that have been certified by the state's Ballot Law Commission.

"We can't go to the vote counting machine

mall and just pick one out we want," he said.

He explained that on Nov. 6 they received approval from the Town Council to go with Dominion machines that they had piloted in a prior election.

On Nov. 9, however, he explained the Ballot Law Commission "de-certified that device due to Dominion software modifications," and said instead they conditionally certified an updated

version, "which is now subject to additional testing."

He said the earliest they would be ready is for the March 2025 election, but it's not guaranteed, noting they won't be available for the upcoming September and November elections.

Kipp also noted that five communities used it successfully for their March elections, and now even more commu-

nities are moving towards using Voters Works.

While they technically could continue using the machines they have now he said it's at the end of their life span.

His proposal was to lease four devices to be used in the fall for a total of \$3,825 total for the two elections.

It was also explained by Kipp that unlike the Dominion machines that they used on a trial basis last year, they wouldn't be able to do that for the Voting Works machines since they have been approved by the state already, which is why they would either need to purchase new machines or lease them for the upcoming elections.

Kipp said the idea is to only lease them for the upcoming elections so then they can find out

more information about whether or not the Dominion machines would be available to be used next year, and can make decisions after the fall elections.

Town Councilor, John Farrell, asked if they could lease five machines instead of four in case something happens to one of them, then there would be a spare one.

Kipp explained that as part of the agreement, if one of the machines were to break down, they have a spare one. He also noted that since they would be getting new machines, he thinks they will likely be more reliable than the current ones they have.

The Town Council ultimately approved the temporary lease and then will decide for a long term plan sometime after the fall elections.

Letters

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zation started the war October 7 raping women, decapitating and burning babies alive and murdering over 1,139 Israelis; and holding 252 Israeli hostages hiding them in tunnels beneath the Gaza strip including 8 Americans. Three Americans were later killed by Hamas. Palestinian civilians have died by Israeli airstrikes, but let's not forget that America fire-bombed Hamburg, Germany in WWII burning alive or suffocating 44,600. Hamburg had no military targets, but was firebombed merely to break German spirit. It

didn't work. In total, over 600,000 German civilians died in WWII. Was there outcry to stop bombing Germany? No, it was war and understood that to destroy Germany's war machine, civilians would get caught in the cross-fire as unfortunately happens in Gaza when Israel attacks Hamas targets. Hamas purposely places civilians in and around their strongholds. Israel announces in advance Hamas targets so civilians can evacuate, but Hamas holds civilians at their strongholds knowing Israel has no choice but to bomb the strongholds to kill Hamas terrorists. Many of the purported civilian deaths

are Hamas fighters. The inflated deaths are a means of manipulating naïve college student rioters that Israel is hap-hazardly and wantonly killing Palestinians. Inflated claims of civilian deaths along with campus riots has Hamas believing they are winning the public opinion war. Shades of Vietnam rioting negatively impacting the conduct of the Vietnam war. I know, I was there. If Hamas holds on, Hamas believes Israel will be forced to stop attacking inevitably resulting in Hamas' reconstitution to continue the war to wipe Israel off the map. Fickled and vacillating Biden in one breath says he supports Israel's existence, but then states he won't provide weaponry to support Israel's war of self-preservation. Biden's fickleness and vacillation shows his ineptness and guarantees prolonging the war. Mid-East Arab nations want Hamas destroyed as Hamas, i.e.

Iran, is a threat to all mid-East Arab countries. In destroying Hamas, Israel, the only mid-East democracy and America's staunchest mid-East ally is holding Iran back from controlling mid-East abundant oil reserves. Biden's ineptness in not supporting Israel 100% is because his handlers are deathly afraid that Biden may lose to Trump far-left, swing-state Michigan voters who favor Palestinian statehood even if Israel is destroyed. It's Biden who's prolonging the war in Gaza, civilian deaths and college riots. Biden is trading Israel's survival for votes. Shameful. If I were Netanyahu, I'd tell Biden to hell with you. I'm aligning Israel with countries not necessarily pro-America until Trump's re-election. Wouldn't that be a kick in the butt to Biden's already failed foreign policies. I'm waiting for Biden to say Gaza is Trump's fault.

Bob Pitre
Londonderry

OBITUARY

John R. Williams



John R. Williams, 81, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Saturday May 4, 2024, surrounded by his loving family in the Arbors of Bedford, NH. He was born on Feb. 12, 1943 in Lansdowne, PA, a son of the late John and Ellen (Powell) Williams, and had been a resident of Londonderry for the past two years, formerly of York, ME and Sudbury, MA.

John graduated from Lansdowne High School, received a B.A from Penn State University and an M.B.A from Boston College. He was a Senior Lecturer in the Executive M.B.A program at Suffolk University and a part-time faculty member at Worcester Polytech Institute's School of Industrial Management. He also taught a Junior Achievement Business program in the Framingham and Cambridge school districts for 8th Graders and an Applied Economics Course for 12th graders. John was employed as an Executive Director for Commonwealth Energy System for 25 years.

John proudly served his country in the US Navy completing two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal. He also volunteered his time to coach Pop Warner Football, CYO Basketball, Little League Baseball in Sudbury, MA and High School Football in York, Maine. In retirement, he took up scuba diving and traveled regularly, diving many of the best known and most exotic destinations in the world.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Beverly (Morey) Williams of Londonderry; two sons, Brendon Williams of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Matthew Williams and his wife Leslie of Londonderry, three grandchildren Ryan, Annie and Miles and his sister Judith Williams-Rice of Abingdon, MD.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, private graveside services will be held by the family in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Research, www.brightfocus.org/alzheimers.

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Sheridan Drive Subdivision Approve by Planning Board

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board met on May 8 to discuss a new application for a subdivision and lot line adjustment plan at 10 and 13 Sheridan Drive. Paul Chisholm of Keach-Nordstrom was at the meeting to give a presentation on behalf of the Gardocki family, who own the properties.

"10 Sheridan Drive is the larger parcel at the end, which is under eight acres in total area,

and number 13 is just off to the west, with one-and-a-half acres," explained Chisholm. "Both parcels are currently situated by single family homes, occupied by members of the family."

In the past, the Gardocki's ran a business outside of the larger plot, giving the land some unusual features like a barn and a secondary driveway from the cul-de-sac at the end of Sheridan Drive to Old Derry Road. Commercial activity on the land stopped over a year ago

and seemed unlikely to return.

The surrounding neighborhood is now mainly residential, although there were still a few small companies in the area.

"The project proposes to adjust the shared lot line between the two, and further subdivide the larger parcel into four total, for three additional lots," said Chisholm. "There are a couple of waivers with this proposal, the first is for sights distance and the other is for plan

scale."

The planned scale came from an inability to fit the updated design on a single sheet. The site distance came from a driveway at 13 Sheridan that did not have a good view of Sheridan Drive in one direction.

"Staff does support the waiver requests for the overall plan," said John Trottier, Director of Public Works and Engineering, who concluded that the requests would not create any serious safety issues for the area.

Trottier thanked Chisholm for trying to work out issues related to the waiver requests with abutting residents.

The Gardockis already got the green light from the Zoning Board of Adjustment at a meeting last November, with stipulations that the property owners improve the main driveway to Sheridan Drive and the secondary driveway connecting the land to Old Derry Road.

"Three of the lots will have dug wells and the two existing lots on

Sheridan will have town water?" asked Secretary, Lynn Wiles.

Chisholm confirmed this was the plan, as the buildings closest to Old Derry Road currently using well water and will continue to do so. The property owners were unable to get a service line approved on that side of the property.

There was no public input on the request. Board members unanimously voted to approve the plan with both requested waivers.

School

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would be 191 students for 2024-25."

One of the things that Black noted is that the plan is to monitor the enrollment every two weeks "moving forward to see if there are any major changes."

"This incoming small class leaves us with a lot of questions why they are small again and many implications for how to manage and plan for smaller enrollment with two classes back-to-back moving forward (at least two years of small classes)," Black wrote in a memo.

He referred to the NESDEC Enrollment Study, completed in the fall that "they make their projections based on actual births to London-

derry (and the general year to year increase of families moving in above the number of births)."

"They projected 250 incoming Kindergarten students for the 2024-25 school year," Black wrote in a memo.

"We surmise there are several reasons we are seeing smaller enrollment [than] the prior decade," Black wrote in a memo.

He said one of the reasons they think is because of the "lack of turnover in housing from one generation to the next in Londonderry."

He pointed to a "challenging housing market with prices and interest rates and overall limited stock in Londonderry," as one of the reasons.

Black also pointed to a chart that showed for a decade that they gen-

erally "had more students show up every year above the birth rate 5 years earlier," noting that last year they had a decrease.

"Looking at this pattern and knowing the lack of generational turnover and a tight housing market, leads me to conclude currently that part of the smaller numbers is less over all move in families than we have seen in the past," Black wrote in a memo.

Black also pointed to the fact that the majority of surrounding communities have full day kindergarten, saying that "Private options for full day Kindergarten exist as well."

"We have communicated very clearly for more than two years that we are out of space at Moose Hill with cur-

rent programming," Black wrote in a memo.

He also said they "need to better plan for the potential of smaller classes in general for Moose Hill if this pattern continues."

"We also need to analyze space needs and future space needs as these two small classes back to make move through our school system," Black wrote in a memo. "We also need to

analyze our overall staffing levels and future staffing needs as these two small classes back-to-back move through the system."

Black also noted that they will be "keeping an eye on incoming first graders that have not been enrolled at Moose Hill in Kindergarten."

"In prior years, we tended to get about 40 to 45 students join us in 1st grade," Black wrote

in a memo. "Right now, we are only seeing 11 officially registered and only 3 more that have started but not completed. Looking at these numbers leads me to conclude right now that the normal "move in" families we have seen historically are not happening along with some percentage of families choosing charter, private and home school options as well."

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School Board Receive Update From Dining Services

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the May 7 School Board meeting, Director of Dining Services, Krystle Connell, gave the Board an update.

One of the things pointed out during the meeting is that they will have meal price changes for the 2024-2025 school year.

She said the changes are due to changes in the reimbursement revenue, and food prices. Connell added that breakfast meal prices and teacher meal prices will see an increase of 25 cents.

Connell noted that the meal prices weren't changed when they had an increase for lunch prices previously.

Next year, breakfast prices will be \$2 and \$4

for teacher meals. All the student lunch prices will be the same next year.

Another issue raised during the meeting was in regards to students at the high school who are purchasing lunch, noting that the participation is down over 14%, and is a change of about \$50,000 in less revenue.

Connell said that they are looking at a number of different things in order to encourage more students to use the Cafe' including having updates to lunch menus and recipes along with vending machines with new vendors next year, among other things.

The School Board also received an update regarding the Moose Hill Meal Program, which they were recently notified of the fact that they need to provide a meal

program for the school despite only being part time, due to a state requirement.

Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, explained that due to the requirement they will be offering breakfast in the morning for the morning kindergarten students, and lunch in the afternoon for the afternoon kindergarten students. She explained that parents would have to order the food ahead of time, and it would be prepared at the high school and then distributed to the students for parents who signed up.

It was noted that the meals would be the same cost as the other elementary schools, which is \$2 for breakfast and \$2.75 for lunch. Additionally, it was

noted that participation is optional, and also that families would be able to participate in the free and reduced lunch program if they qualify.

Student lunch debt was also a topic up for discussion, during the meeting.

It was explained that they have about \$60,000 worth of student meals debt currently, with only about 15% of its students who currently have meal debts.

McKenney explained there are a number of

ways they are working on trying to get the balances paid for including making personal phone calls, sending letters, among other things.

It was also noted that they inform families that they can apply for free and reduced meals and there are other options available.

"My hope is the message is getting out," McKenney said.

McKenney noted that they have some families with large debts, for not making any payments,

and that they have been having some discussions about enforcing some sort of consequences, like not allowing parking passes as an example for people who owe money.

"That's what we're trying to enforce," McKenney said.

McKenney also explained that no student is denied a meal if they have a negative balance, and the only restriction is they aren't allowed to buy al la carte items.



Welcome Return

The Mothers Day Plant Sale at Grange 44 returned on Saturday, May 11, with plenty of choices available to help brighten local yards. Up until about 2020, the Grange held this event every year.

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Tennis Team Begin to Reap Benefits of Hard Work

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Tennis Team has come a long way since being all but dissolved back in 2020.

It's been a four-year rebuild for the team greatly due to the efforts of former head coach, Roberta Davis, and current head coach, Alex Burbine.

This year's team has really made a leap into the Division I standings as they currently sit in the sixth spot out of 17 teams.

Over the past two weeks, the Lancers have really excelled, mounting six consecutive victories and beating teams from Salem, Alvirne, Pinkerton Academy and three others by wide margins.

Most recently the Londonderry squad had decisive victories over Dover, Keene, and



Neel Chakravarthy



Aidan Board



Connor Lord

Spaulding High School.

Against the Green Wave, at Dover High School, on May 3, Londonderry swept their opponents in doubles and split their singles matches for a 6-3 win.

Singles wins came from: Neel Chakravarthy

an 8-1 win in the #1 spot; Aidan Board had a 8-2 win at #4; and Logan Hunt won his match 8-6 at #5.

In Doubles, the teams of Chakravarthy/Board and Connor Lord/Jayden Wu had 8-4 victories and the team of Hunt/Devon

7-2 overall victory.

Londonderry swept again in doubles and took their singles matches 4-2.

Singles wins came from: Chakravarthy an 8-3 win in the #1 spot; Jayden Wu had a 8-4 win at #3; Hunt won his match 8-6 at #5; and Brady Follansbee added an 8-4 win.

In Doubles, the teams of Chakravarthy/Board and Lord/Jayden Wu had 8-6 victories and the team of Hunt/Pacheco won 8-0.

Pacheco won 8-3.

Three days later, at home against the Keene Blackbirds, the Lancers added a singles win for

High School on Friday, May 10, shutting that team out 9-0.

Chakravarthy, Wu, Board, and Hunt all had 8-1 singles victories, while Lord had an 8-0 win and Follansbee tacked on a 8-5 win.

In Doubles, the teams of Chakravarthy/Board had an 8-6 win; and Lord/Wu were 8-0 winners; and the team of Hunt/Pacheco won 8-4.

The Lancers team is scheduled finish out the regular season with three matches this week and indications are they are certainly headed in the right direction, with lots of young talent.

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Lancers Baseball Shutout Three Teams, Get to 12-2

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Baseball squad put together a run of three shutout victories last week, upping their season record to 12-2, putting them in third place in the division standings, behind Exeter and Pinkerton.

In that three-game stretch, LHS batters racked up 37 hits against their opponents, while the Lancers pitchers struck out 22 and allowed just eight hits.

The defending champ's week started on Tuesday, May 7, with a trip to Nashua South and a 15-0 thrashing of the Purple Panthers.

Londonderry scored in all but one inning, with senior first base-

man, Ty Miles, going 4-4 at the plate and getting three RBIs.

Jet Jones, Johan Pena, and Jonathan Wilson all collected double for their team, with Jones getting two.

Senior Owen Carey was able to drive in three runs from a triple he hit in the fourth inning.

Joey Cafaro earned the win, pitching five innings, striking out six, walking two, and allowing just two hits.

Overall, the Lancers had 14-hits and struck out just six times.

Two days later, at home against the Salem Blue Devils, LHS cruised to another easy victory, outscoring Salem 10-0 in five innings.

Much of the line-up had multiple hits in the

game.

Pena led the team with three hits, while Jayden Hamilton, Carey, Brett McKinnon, and Devin Boles each collected two hits, one of Carey's was the team's only double.

Brady Gillis was the winning pitcher, going all five innings and giving up just three hits, striking out three and walking no one.

The team finished out the week with another shutout victory, beat the Spaulding Red Raiders 4-0 at Lancer Park.

McKinnon went 3-3 at the plate with the team's only extra base hit, a double in the fifth inning.

Hamilton had two hits in the game, while Jones, Pena, and Jaylen

Stott each contributed a hit.

The Lancers are scheduled for three games this week, start-

ing on Monday in Portsmouth against the 7-7 Clippers.

On Tuesday, May 14, they will host Merri-

mack (8-4) and on Thursday, May 16, they travel Goffstown High School to take on the 7-5 Grizzlies.

Track & Field Host Memorial

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Track and Field team's recently hosted a meet with Memorial High School and had some success.

GIRLS

In the Pole Vault, the Lancer girls took the top spots:

Lilly Haggett finished at 10'6" for first; Amanda Robinson, took second at 9'6"; and Aliviyah Awad was third at 6'6".

In the Long Jump, Alexandra Pena was second with her 15'6" and Emma Nadeau took third at 15'5"

Londonderry excelled at the High Jump also with Haggett, taking first with her jump of 5'1"; Linsey Gregoire, was second at 4'7"; and Evelyn Gillespie was third at 4'5".

In the Shot Put, Autumn Yazbek was the second place finisher with her throw of 25'10"

At Discuss, the Lancers topped the results: Nkechi Wambu, first with 87'10.5"; Yazbek was second at 80'1"; and Adrijana Susa

took third at 78'3.5"

In the Javelin, Mary Croteau took first at 88'7" and Susa was third at 74'6".

In the 200-meter dash, Emma Nadeau had a second place finish at 29.35.

In the 800-meter run, Amara Williams finished in first at 2:40.61.

In the 1,600 meter run, Sayde White took first with a time of 6:05.58 and Ella DiBuono finished in third at 6:18.84.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Gillespie had a second place finish at 18.81.

BOYS

The Boys' team also saw a number of top spots taken.

In the 100-meter Dash, second place went to Griffin Massahos with a time of 11.70.

In the 400-Meter Dash, Jayden Skitch finished in second with a time of 55.66. In the 800-Meter Run, William Buckley finished at 2:13.07 for first and Donovan Chylinski took third at 2:16.63.

In the 1,600 meter run, Jack DiBuono took

second at 4:59.98 and Josh Twomey was third at 5:04.72.

In the 300-meter intermediate Hurdles, Mason Turek took third at 46.95.

In the 4x100 Relay, the LHS team of Massahos, Jon Inglese, Arnold Kasongo, and Lucas Palma finished in first with a time of 45.52.

In the High Jump, Jake Schena finished second at 5'7" and Luc Gaudet was third at 5'5".

In the Pole Vault, Carson Palma took the top spot at 10'6".

In the Long Jump, Gaudet had a first place jump of 19'6.5".

In the Triple Jump, Jayden Skitch, finished in second at 35'9".

In Shot Put, Londonderry had all three spots. Paul Binder was first at 39'5"; Colin Couture was second at 37'2.5"; and Matt O'Neil took third at 33'4".

In the Discus Throw, Couture had a throw of 106'7" and took second.

In Javelin, Alexander Villa took second with a throw of 118'9".



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Lancers Softball Bats Heat Up Against Panthers, Raiders

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After dropping just their second game of the season to begin the month of May, the Londonderry High School Softball squad rattled off two more wins to put their season record at 11-2.

The 11-2 record puts the Lady Lancers up near the top of the division, with just three teams ahead of them.

On Monday after-

noon, May 6, the LHS team pounded out 10 unanswered runs in four innings to shutout the Nashua South Purple Panthers 10-0.

Right fielder, Olivia Cutuli, smashed two homeruns and drove in four, while Addie Browning went three for four at the plate, with a double and two singles to help in the victory.

Elisabeth Kearney earned the win, pitch-

ing four strong innings, sitting down 10 Panthers on strikeouts, walking one, and not giving up a single hit.

Abby Austen finished in the circle, adding four more Ks and giving up just one hit, a two-out triple in the sixth inning. Austen struck out the following batter to retire the side.

Cutuli's first homerun of the game was shot over the fence in centerfield in the sec-

ond inning, scoring in Kearney and Belanger for a 3-0 lead.

Her second dinger was another to centerfield and worth one run in the fourth inning.

Jen Raza had the team's only other extra-base hit, a double in the fifth to drive in the final run of the game.

Londonderry finished the week with another win, this time on the road at Spaulding High School, where

they were able to out-hit the Red Raiders 12-3 and come away with a 7-3 victory for their eleventh of the season.

Kearney was once again the winning pitcher, throwing all seven innings, striking out 14 batters, walking four, and allowing three hits.

Ginny Flaherty had the only homerun in the game, getting a solo shot to lead off the fifth inning.

Austen and Nelson

each had doubles in the game, with Chambers, Austen, Kearney Flaherty, and Riley Campo each getting two hits in the win.

The team is scheduled for three games this week, two home and one away.

They played games on Monday and Tuesday at home, then traveled to Merrimack High School on Wednesday, May 15.

Volleyball Squad Up Their Unbeaten Streak to 10-Games

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Volleyball squad is sitting two games ahead of their nearest competitor in the Division I standings by finishing the week with two more wins and a 10-0 season record.

The Lancers started their week, on the road, against the Souhegan Sabers, where they had their toughest battle of the year, having to go a full five sets, something

the team has yet to do this year.

The eventual 3-2 victory started with an opening set loss for the visitors, dropping Set One 25-21.

Londonderry regained control in sets Two and Three, winning 25-18 and 25-15.

After a couple extra frames in Set Four, the Sabers evened the match at 2-2 with a 27-25 win.

In the deciding set, the Lancers were able keep their unbeaten

intact with a 15-11 win.

Tyler Brown finished the night with 19 kills, 16 assists, 10 digs, one block and two aces.

Ethan Munro had 14 kills, 20 assists, 10 digs and two blocks.

Matt Doyle got one assist and 30 digs; Gavin Doughty had six kills, four digs and three aces; Ethan Saranich finished with five digs, one block and one ace; Crosby Nolan had one kill, one

assist, four digs and an ace; Liam Evans got six digs; while Connor Koza and Kai Hou each had one dig.

The Lancers had a much easier time defeating the Goffstown Grizzlies at home on Friday night, May 10, winning in straight sets.

The 3-0 win had Londonderry win Set One 25-17; Set Two went 25-19; and Set Three went into extra volleys for a

29-27 final set win.

Tyler Brown had 11 kills, 20 assists, three digs, one block, and nine aces.

Ethan Munro had 10 kills, nine assists, six digs, and one ace; Matt Doyle got three assists and 15 digs; Gavin Doughty had seven kills,

six digs, and one ace; Connor Koza had two kills and a dig; Ethan Saranich finished with three kills, two digs, and an ace; Crosby Nolan had two kills, three digs, and one ace; Liam Evans had one dig; and Theo Paccione had three assists and three digs.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Town Council and Municipal Aggregation Committee will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the adoption of a community choice power aggregation plan under RSA 53-E.

The public hearing and review will occur on Monday, June 3 2024 at 7 p.m., in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. Questions can be directed to Utilities Committee Chairman Lynn Wiles at lwiles@tolboards.org.

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Memorial Day Parade

On May 27 the Memorial Day Parade will begin at 11 a.m. There will also be an Open House at Post 27 starting after the parade. All veterans and their families are invited to attend and enjoy a free cookout.

Rotary Car Show

The 28th Annual Londonderry Rotary Car Show will be held Sunday, May 26 starting at 9 a.m. All makes and model automobiles are welcome. The public is invited. Adults are \$3. Families \$7. All children under 12 are admitted for free. For car owners showing their cars, there will be a \$20 registration fee, and registration will

begin at 9 a.m. Awards presentation will begin at 2 p.m. The location will again be at Londonderry Square, 50 Nashua Rd., Route 102, Londonderry. The Londonderry Rotary Club, in partnership with the Nor-Eastern Chapter of the Pontiac Club, will once again host.

Giant Yard Sale

The Londonderry Lions Club will hold the annual "Giant Yard Sale" on June 8 in the Lions pavilion at 256 Mammoth Rd. Donations will start being accepted on May 25. For table rentals, please contact John at 603-247-7361. One major difference this year is that we cannot accept any furniture. NO

FURNITURE please. Hours will be from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. No early birds please.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on June 4, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. This is the last day to change your party before the September Primary. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; and 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.

Democratic Meeting

The Londonderry Democratic Committee is holding their monthly meeting on Thursday May 23 from 6 - 8 p.m., at the Leach Library Meeting Room. Registered Londonderry Democrats are urged and welcome to attend.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The ETZ Hayim Synagogue will hold its 3rd Annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 17, from noon - 5 p.m., at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. You can donate at age 17 with parental permission, it is (almost) painless, and what a MITZVAH! Blood supplies are dangerously low! Your donation is needed and appreciated. Questions? Contact Beth at ETZHAYIMGIVEBLOOD@GMAIL.COM. Please Make Your Appointment At Redcross.Com Or 1-800 Red Cross.

Moose Hill Forum

The School Board and the Moose Hill Building Committee will be hosting a forum on May 16 at 7 p.m., at Moose Hill itself. The purpose of the meeting is to digest the vote from March and have a community discussion around the needs that still exist for the Moose Hill

School. If there are ideas or comments any member from the public wants to make - the School Board and Moose Hill Building Committee are hoping people can attend the forum and share those ideas and comments.

Spring Artisan Craft Fair

Plan to attend the 37th St. Peter's Artisan Craft Fair on Saturday, May 18 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Mammoth Rd., at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry NH. It will host over 70 booths of original, creative artisan crafts such as jewelry, baskets, quilts, wooden goods, artwork, pet accessories and more. Satisfy your appetite at the One Happy Clam food truck or by purchasing delectable baked treats. Try your luck with raffles or look for bargains at the great-deals tag sale. The fair will be held rain, or shine. <https://stpeterslondonderry.org>.

VA Information Day

On Saturday June 22 from 10 a.m. - noon a representative from the Manchester VA will be at American Legion Post 27 to provide information, answer questions and sign veterans up. This event is open to all area veterans and not just members of Post 27. Veterans interested in joining the VA need to bring their DD-214. You can send an email to mail@alpost27.com if you have any questions.

Tennis Camp

Londonderry Tennis

Camp will be offering spring and summer sessions for children ages 7 and up. The camps teach the foundational skills of tennis through activities and games, and build on balance, coordination and speed needed for long term athletic development. Players will be grouped by age and/or ability. Camps will be held at the Londonderry Town Courts, LAFA fields, Sargent Road. Spring Session will run from May 21- June 6 on Tuesday and Thursday, with Intermediate camp from 3 - 4:30 p.m., and Beginner/Novice camp from 4:30 - 6 p.m. The Summer Sessions will run June 17 - 21, from 9 - 11 a.m., and Aug. 19 - 24, from 9 - 11 a.m. The cost of each session is \$150. If you have any questions or want to register your child, email Roberta Davis at londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com.

Summer Reading

Leach Library's Summer Reading Program sign-ups for children, young adults, and adults begin on Saturday, June 1. Visit the library to register and pick up program information from June 1 - Aug. 31.

Basketball Camp

The NH Spartans have recently announced their annual Summer Basketball Camp dates all hosted in Derry, NH this coming season. All camps run from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The camp dates are as follows: July 22 - 25 at The New England Sports Center. Each camp features top

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coaching with a focus on intense ball handling/station work, shooting form and technique, attack move drills and instructional game play. To register, visit the NHSpartans.Com website.

Library Hours

Summer hours will take effect at the Leach library from Monday, June 24 through Saturday, Sept. 7. 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.

Little Sprouts Baby Lap-sit

On Tuesday mornings

at the Leach Library at 9 a.m. beginning on May 7 and continuing through May 21, a story time program for babies 0-18 months old. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning on Tuesday, May 7 and continuing through May 22, toddlers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for story time with

songs, rhymes, books, and more. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Puzzle and Board Game Exchange

From Monday, May 13 through Saturday, May 18, drop off your jigsaw puzzle and board game donations at the main circulation desk during Leach library operating hours. The library will accept gently-used jigsaw puzzles and board games for any age. In exchange, the library staff will provide a voucher indicating how many puzzles and games you contributed. On Monday, May 20, return to the library with your voucher

between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to select your new puzzles and games. For further information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

Duplo Budding Builders

Meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 10 a.m. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, May 16. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Building Buddies

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, May 23 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and

begins on Thursday, May 16. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Tinker Time

Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. for Tinker Time. A variety of toys and games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try. Registration is recommended and begins on Saturday, May 18. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Block by Block

Come to the Leach Library's Coding Club and Maker Lab on Wednesday, May 29 from 4 - 5 p.m., students in grades 4-8 will be able to explore a variety of coding exercises and programs including using screen-free coding robots,

independent online coding, and other guided activities. An assortment of art supplies and building materials will also be available for creative expression open to all participants. This program is open to participants age 9-14. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, May 22. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Explorers Workshop

Celebrate National Dinosaur Day Saturday, June 1 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at the Leach Library. This one-hour program will focus on paleontology and dinosaurs. Participants will excavate their own dinosaur then create an identification card for their new dinosaur that will include a name and characteristics. This program

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Londonderry Early
Education Program is now
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The program is provided
by the Londonderry
School District for three-
year old preschoolers and
meets from 8:25 - 10:55
a.m., either 2 or 4 days per
week and the program for
pre-kindergarten students
meet from noon - 2:30 p.m.,
either 3 or 4 days per
week. Tuition rates are:
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gram and \$200 a month for
a 4 day per week program.
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month for a 3 day per week
program and \$200 a month
for a 4 day per week pro-
gram. Applications are
available online on the
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We also have our LEEP
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on the Moose Hill School
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kspeers@londonderry.org.

Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - May 6

1:40 a.m. Three officers respond to Suspicious Activity/Building Checked at 2 Chesterfield Lane.
9:25 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Constitution Drive.
10:53 a.m. Trespassing investigated by three officers at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.
12:13 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
3:37 p.m. Four officers render services for a Domestic Disturbance on Winding Pond Road.
8:41 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Winding Pond Road.

Tuesday - May 7

9:54 a.m. Medical Emergency at Londonderry North School transported to a Hospital.
10:30 a.m. Sudden Death at The Grand Estate at Londonderry, on Golen Drive, investigated by three officers.
11:14 a.m. Medical Emergency at Londonderry Middle School transported to a Hospital.
2:27 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
2:30 p.m. Auto Fire investigated by three officers on Perkins Road.
4:16 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing at Home Depot on Nashua Road.
5:03 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Lawson Farm Road.
11:13 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Preserve Drive. Julianna Slavoski, 26, of Londonderry, charged: Conduct After an Accident.

Wednesday - May 8

2:52 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Air-

port.

6:26 a.m. Auto Theft investigated at Frito-Lay Inc., on North Wentworth Avenue.
7:33 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated by three officers on Seasons Lane.
10:15 a.m. Medical Emergency, at Londonderry Middle School, taken to Family/Guardian/Other.
11:47 a.m. Five officers conduct a Welfare Check on Kimball Road.
12:04 p.m. Four officers conduct a Welfare Check and transport to a hospital on Crackling Log Lane.
5:52 p.m. Peace restored during a Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Winding Pond Road.
7:10 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Charleston Avenue.
10:58 p.m. Services rendered for a Shooting Complaint on Whittemore Road.

Thursday - May 9

12:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by four officers on Rockingham Road at Commercial Lane. Devin Martin, 25, of Tallahassee, FL, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; License Required - Operation without a Valid License; and Speeding 21-24 mph Over a Limit of 55 or Less.
7:12 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated by four officers on Mammoth Road, at Londonderry Fire Central Station.
10:54 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, on Nashua Road.
4:17 p.m. Four officers investigate Suspicious Activity at the 7-Eleven

Food Mart on Nashua Road.

4:46 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at True Green on Delta Drive.
6:45 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.
7:20 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance reported at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Friday - May 10

8:53 a.m. Juvenile Offenses reported at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.
9:22 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Griffin Road.
1:28 p.m. Three officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance and make an arrest on Stonehenge Road. Justin Sargent, 37, of Londonderry, charged with Bench Warrants.
3:02 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport
5:10 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, at Young Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers. William Smith, 29, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Driving After Revoke/Suspension; Suspension

of Vehicle Registration; Criminal Mischief; and Bench Warrants.

11:10 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Sparhawk Drive.

Saturday - May 11

6:01 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
11:43 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Beacon Street.
2:41 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport transported to a hospital.
2:52 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Fairway Road.
3:48 p.m. Services Rendered for a Shooting Complaint on Buckthorn Street.
4:18 p.m. Five officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Mountain Home Road.
11:44 p.m. Services rendered for a Shooting Complaint on Grenier Field Road.

Sunday - May 12

10:20 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Route 93 at Near Ash Street.
6:24 p.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check on Bridle Path, at the Wallace Farm Apartments, resulting in transportation to a hospital.

OBITUARY

Coral Mary (Epply) Stephens



Coral Mary (Epply) Stephens, 78, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of Thomas C. Stephens, with whom she would have celebrated 56 years of marriage this coming July. She was born on Aug. 10, 1945 in Canton, MA and was the daughter of the late Marilyn (Miller) Dane. She graduated from Dorchester High School and went on to attend nursing school at the Tewksbury State Hospital.

Coral devoted a number of her younger years to working at the Tewksbury State Hospital and D'Youville Manor Nursing Home. Her work as a nurse was very meaningful to her and was the perfect fit for her compassionate and caring nature.

Tom and Coral started their family shortly after getting married, and eventually relocated from Tewksbury to a home they built in Londonderry, NH. There, Coral worked part time at South School and was also an active participant in the PTA. She took part in the committee that helped to build the Londonderry Junior High School (now Londonderry Middle School) in 1982.

Tom and Coral returned to "Roux Village" in Tewksbury in 1984, and there she began a career in Real Estate, initially joining Century 21 Starwood and later working to sell the homes at DiPalma Estates. Her hard work allowed her to purchase a lot and build in York Beach, ME, a place she loved to go.

With her children grown, Coral and Tom found themselves returning to Londonderry once more, where she would spend the remainder of her life. There she reconnected with the educational field, this time as a dedicated Special Education Para-Professional at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. At the school, she created a special bond with the children and people she worked with and left a lasting impression on them all, as they did with her.

Coral found great joy in the simple pleasures of life. She adored spending time with her grandchildren and was their biggest cheerleader in everything they did, from drama, to soccer, to band, and beyond. She loved her Bruins and any football game she could find. An avid reader, the staff at the Londonderry Leach Library knew her by name and would go above and beyond for her. She treasured the moments spent with her family in York and cherished any opportunity for family gatherings. Puzzles and playing games with family, like Sorry, Scrabble and Wordle, also brought her joy. She loved coffee ice cream, the smell of gardenias, and listening to Irish music. Bird watching was one of her favorite things to do, and she particularly loved her hummingbirds and visits from her special cardinals. She was known for her deep faith and prayed countless Rosaries for so many.

Her wonderful sense of humor and selfless generosity and caring defined her character. Always putting the needs of others before her own, this spirit lives on in her children and her grandchildren, this is her legacy.

In addition to her husband, Thomas Stephens of Londonderry, she is survived by her three children, Peter T. Stephens and his wife, Donna of Windham, Brian E. Stephens of Tewksbury, and Karen M. DeMeo and her husband, Daniel of Londonderry; her grandchildren, Jack, Lacey and Gianna DeMeo all of Londonderry, and Christian Stephens of Tewksbury; and her siblings, Timothy Dane and his wife, Janice of Plymouth, and Charlotte Dane of Londonderry. She is also survived by many special nephews, nieces, cousins, in-laws, and close friends she made throughout her life.

In addition to her mother, the late Marilyn Dane; she was predeceased by her brothers, Christopher "Kit" Epply, Kevin Dane, and Brian Dane, and also by her loving grandmother Mary "Lulu" (Dromey) Miller.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice that is near and dear to you, as there is not one that Coral would not want to help.

On Thursday, May 9, her Funeral Mass was offered at St. Williams Church in Tewksbury. Followed by burial at Tewksbury Cemetery. Please find us on Facebook or visit www.TewksburyFuneralHome.com to leave the family a message of condolence at any time.

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