

Londonderry Times

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Early Start

Although it's not quite spring, Kent Allen began his never-ending task of beautifying the Town Forest near the center of town. He and volunteers from Trimmers Landscaping were busy this week spreading wood chips a clearing a large area of leaves and debris. *Photo by Chris Paul*

All Schools Closed - Remote Learning Begins March 23

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With NH Governor Sununu's declaration on Sunday March 15 - all New Hampshire public schools including the Londonderry schools are now closed. This action was taken by the State of NH

as per executive order in response to help stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Londonderry Schools closed to students on Monday March 16.

In the Governor's order, Sununu requested that all public, K-12 schools initiate plans to

start teaching students remotely beginning on Monday March 23rd. The Governor directed one week's time for teaching staff and superintendents to develop and support remote learning and teaching plans.

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Next Step to Solve Londonderry Water Contamination Problems

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the recent Town Council meeting on water contamination, Londonderry residents told anecdotal stories, expressed anxiety and showed their ire about the PFOA well water contamination. This water issue has been uncovered over the past year across different areas of the town. The public meeting for town residents raised more questions than answers or solutions for the problem faced by many residents.

NH Department of Environmental Studies (DES) and town officials

were at the meeting to answer questions, but mostly they could only offer short-term prescriptions for the PFOA issues. No one has been able to provide a solid action plan yet to resolve the problem of these hazardous chemicals in the water. This contamination problem is complex and mired in legal, scientific, health metrics and outrageous business practices that are still causing health hazards to the community.

The town has more well water problems than just PFOA health hazards, as some residential owners are finding their wells have high amounts of

arsenic, radon or certain types of bacteria. Resident and newly elected Town Council member, Deb Paul, who also owns the Londonderry Times, came forward at the meeting to ask council members and the NH DES about arsenic problems in residential wells in Londonderry. NH DES Assistant Commissioner, Clark Freise, said, "Yes, high amounts of arsenic and radon in area wells are also a problem for residents in Londonderry." Paul told Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, and other council members, that it might be a good idea to support fur-

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Virtual Town Hall Online as Building Closes to the Public

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Tuesday, March 17, the Londonderry Town Hall Building closed to the public until further notice. Londonderry Town officials released a message with town contact information that is now online at the town website www.londonderrynh.org for town residents and businesses regarding the closure of the Town Hall building due to impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In consultation with the Emergency Management Director, Town officials including John Farrell, Town Council Chair, Kevin Smith, Town Manager, and Lisa Drabik,

Assistant Town Manager, issued an overview document for the community to know how town actions are now going to be conducted via a virtual Town Hall process utilizing internet access.

Town officials report, "...most of the transactions for our residents can be done online or arranged via phone, email, or the drop box. Resident questions can and will be answered via phone or email. As a last resort, you may schedule an appointment in Town Hall with the appropriate Town personnel to complete your transaction." It was noted by the Town officials that, "Our Town Hall employees will be

working both remotely and on-site (in very limited numbers as necessary) but we will continue to be at your service."

Londonderry Fire and Police will continue with their normal service and support for the community, though Town officials request for everyone to please keep all non-emergency calls to a minimum so Fire and Police staff

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Town Hall

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Residents are requested to please call 2-1-1, a state hotline manned 24/7, specifically for non-emergency COVID-19 related questions.

After the town department, town board and school board meetings this past week, all town board and committee meetings in March are now cancelled; more information will be forthcoming about future meetings for April and beyond.

The virtual Town Hall support is now ramping up for residents to complete

appropriate transactions. The virtual support is accessed via the Town website address - www.londonderrynh.org - and residents are also encouraged to visit this website frequently for new information, actions and updates.

Contact listings for departments and officials with additional connection details can be found via access to the Town Website address or directly from the following address:https://www.londonderrynh.org/sites/londonderrynh/files/news/updated_covid-19_3.16.20_town_hall_closure_press_release.pdf

Correspondence with officials and departments can still be accomplished

via mailings to the Londonderry Town Hall address; please specify the Department or town staff official where possible - Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 0305.

The general phone number for the town is (603) 432-1100: See contacts listed on the Town's website for specific connections - see the virtual town hall COVID-19 message document - for a list of specific extensions for connections and voice mail messaging.

At each of the public entrances to Town Hall - front and back doors - there are secure, black mailboxes to drop off checks (No Cash) or other

paperwork. Should your paperwork not fit, please refer to the list of contacts at the Town Hall to make alternative arrangements.

Most related or required town transactions can now be accomplished via online access, mailing and drop offs. There is specific a list of the transactions online for the most often accessed processes performed for residents at the Town Hall. There are now directions as to how each transaction may be accomplished until the COVID-19 crisis passes and the town can safely re-open the Town Hall doors.

Specifically, the virtual Town Hall has been enabled for processing

transactions such as: Car registration renewals, new vehicle or title transfers, vital records including birth and death certificates, tax and sewer payments, dog licensing, boat licensing, voter registration, abatement applications, property record cards, exemptions and credits, intents to cut or intents to excavate, and verification of owners on abutters list.

In addition, there is information for transactions about home and building inspections, building permits, building plan reviews, burial plots, internments, driveway inspections, trench permits, engineering related issues, road complaints, snow

Plowing, roadway drainage, requests for additional trash/recycling barrels, trash and recycling, sanitary sewer/ industrial pretreatment, filing of land use board submissions, projects currently under review, GIS/map, cable department questions, and welfare.

Should you have a general question and you are not sure who to call, please contact Londonderry Administration officials as follows: Town Manager Kevin Smith: ksmith@londonderrynh.org, ext. 111 - Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik: ldrabik@londonderrynh.org, x 150 - Executive Assistant Kirby Brown: kbrown@londonderrynh.org, x. 120.

Community Caregivers Receive \$10,000 Donation from FEEDNH

This is the first time in all our years that we have applied for funding with a new foundation and gotten more than we asked for. The mission of FEEDNH.org Great New Hampshire Restaurants' Charitable Trust - is to

strengthen New Hampshire communities through philanthropic collaboration, dedicated employee involvement and volunteerism benefiting local Families, Elderly, Education, and the Disadvantaged. They host golf tournaments,

round up for charity and thanks for giving fundraisers where all the money goes back locally.

FEEDNH.org truly found the value in what we do and knew that the funds would not only help sustain the program locally but by publiciz-

ing the grant on their website, facebook page and newsletter, other would learn about us too. We never want someone to have to look to long or too hard to find us. Life is tough and we would hate knowing someone went without much needed mobility or independence equipment because they hadn't heard of us or didn't think they were eligible. The Loaner's Closet for Durable Medical Equipment is open to anyone in the state and items can be kept out as long as they are needed. With their \$10,000 donation we are able to cover operating costs of the closet for three month.

In 2019 alone, we loaned out to the follow-



Pictured are Susanne Peace, Donna Kluk, of Community Caregivers, Tanya Randolph, Ambassador of Philanthropy & Community Outreach at FEEDNH.org, Julie Levesque and Cindee Tanuma of Community Caregivers. Courtesy photo

ing towns: Chester 32 approximately \$74,800 pieces Derry 487 pieces that those residents can now spend on everything for food to medication to fuel.

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Town Election Sees Most Articles Pass, New Councilor

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Of the over 15,000 registered voters in Londonderry, just over 2,700 came out to vote during the Town Election held on Tuesday, March 10, at the Londonderry High School.

The results of the election are as follows:

Town Council
Two, three-year term seats:
Deb Paul: 1,694 - won
Joe Green: 1,439 - won
Ted Combes: 1,227
Ron Dunn: 542

Budget Committee
Three, three-year term seats:
Jenifer Kenney: 1,568
Steve R. Breault: 1,542
Johnathan Kipp: 1,475
Alex Yipp: 1,048
One, one-year term seat:
Paul Skudarek 2,099

Town Moderator
One, two-year term position:
Tom Freda 2,246

Supervisor of the Checklist
One, six-year term position:
Anne Warner 2,213

Library Trustees
Two, three-year term position:
Cynthia Peterson: 2,079
Robert J. Collins, Jr.: 1,909

Town Articles
Article 2: The purpose of this article was to amend the Town Charter on the way a Default Budget is defined.

Yes: 1,888
No: 761 (passed)
Article 3:
Yes: 1,782
No: 931 (passed)
2021 Town Fiscal Operating Budget of \$37,616,176.

If the this Article was defeated the default budget would have been \$37,653,692.

Article 4: 2021 Town Supplemental Operating Budget: Raise \$153,005 to cover same level of services as FY 2020 and increase the under-budgeted utility services.

Road Maintenance \$100,000; Heat and Oil - \$17,455; Water Services \$6,000; Internet Services \$10,200; Electric Services \$19,530.

Yes: 1,740
No: 1,079 (passed)

Article 5: To establish a Police Outside Detail Revolving Fund of \$103,476.

Yes: 2,015
No: 800 (passed)

Article 6: To dissolve the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund to place the fund into the Town's General Fund.

Yes: 2,114
No: 673 (passed)

Article 7: Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund - Raise \$532,668. This article is null and void if Articles 5 and 6 pass.

Yes: 1,872
No 907: (passed)

Article 8: To accept and expend \$265,553 from State of New Hampshire shared revenue.

Yes: 2,477
No: 308 (passed)

Article 9: To raise \$650,000 for the Roadway

Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Yes: 1,529
No: 1,253 (passed)

Article 10: To raise \$180,000 for the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund.

Yes: 1,340
No: 1,424 (failed)

Article 11: Geographic Information Systems capital reserve Fund: Raise \$28,000.

Yes: 1,339
No: 1,424 (failed)

Article 12: Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve Fund: Raise \$75,000 for this fund.

Yes: 1,340
No: 1,423 (failed)

Article 13: Pillsbury Capital Reserve Fund: Raise \$20,000 for repairs and maintenance for all Town owned cemeteries and use \$20,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance.

Yes: 1,884
No: 889 (passed)

Article 14: Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund. Raise \$100,000 for this fund and to use \$50,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance.

Yes: 1,552
No: 1,012 (passed)

Article 15: Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: To raise \$32,500 Public educational and Government Access current Franchise Agreement.

Article 16: Establish New Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund. To purchase, lease, repair, and maintenance of existing and NEW equipment and vehicle. Raise \$15,000 and use of \$15,000 for the June 30.

Funds taken from Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

Yes: 1,976
No: 832 (passed)

Article 17: To allow the Department of Public Works, via the town manager, enter into a 10-year lease Equipment and Vehicle Lease, costing a total of \$425,000 for two six-Wheel Trucks and a one-ton pickup truck. And to raise approximately \$53,115 for the first year's payment on the ten-year lease agreement.

Yes: 1,345
No: 1,442 (failed)

Article 18: To re-pave the Town Hall Parking Lot, using \$265,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund balance.

Yes: 1,564
No: 1,246 (passed)

Article 19: Ratify Municipal Employees AFSCME 1801 Collective Bargaining Agreement for salaries and benefits that will affect FY's 2012 through 2025. Raise \$42,255 for FY 2021 expenses.

Yes: 1,590
No: 1,164 (passed)

Article 20: Relates to the possible non-passage of Article 19. Authorize Town Council Special Meeting to address Article 18 cost items only.

Yes: 1,851
No: 864

Article 21: Ratify Administrative Employees Association and Public Safety AFSCME Collec-

tive Bargaining Agreement for salaries and benefits that will affect FY's 2021 through 2025. Raise \$76,076 for FY 2021 expenses.

Yes: 1,478
No: 1,261 (passed)

Article 22: Relates to the possible non-passage of Article 20. Authorize Town Council Special Meeting to address Article 20 cost items only.

Yes: 1,797
No: 934 (passed)

Article 23: Ratify Administrative Employees Association-Town Administrative Personnel AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement for salaries and benefits that will affect FY's 2021 through 2025. Raise \$68,137 for FY2021.

Yes: 1,496
No: 1,296 (passed)

Article 24: Relates to the possible non-passage of Article 23. Authorize Town Council Special Meeting to address Article 22 cost items only.

Yes: 1,818
No: 963 (passed)

Article 25: Ratify Executive Employees Association (LEEAA) Collective Bargaining Agreement for salaries and benefits that will affect FY's 2021-2025. Raise \$58,644 for FY 2021.

Yes: 1,421
No: 1,364 (passed)

Article 26: Relates to the possible non-passage of Article 24. Authorize Town Council Special Meeting to address Arti-

cle 24 cost items only.

Yes: 1,788
No: 952 (passed)

Article 27: Ratify Police Employees Association Collective Bargaining Agreement for salaries and benefits that will affect FY's 2021-25. And raise \$218,491 for FY 2021.

Yes: 1,499
No: 1,289 (passed)

Article 28: Relates to the possible non-passage of Article 27. Authorize Town Council Special Meeting to address Article 26 cost items only.

Yes: 1,801
No: 962 (passed)

Article 29: Approve Gambling - Keno Games within the Town of Londonderry.

Yes: 1,662
No: 1,135 (passed)

Article 30: Yes: 1,592
No: 1,187 (passed)

Requires taxing (fees and Dividends) for environmental carbon climate change issue including political activism by Londonderry Town Council to Governor and USA President Trump.

Article 31: Yes: 1,808
No: 756 (passed)

Transaction of any other business by the town: No business enacted under this article shall have any binding effect upon the Town.

Results taken from the Unofficial Results file posted on the Londonderry Town Website.

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Editorial

Waiting for Spring to Spring

As lovely as the New Hampshire snow can be, after some time most residents of the Granite State wait in anticipation for the making way for green grass and beautiful flowers.

This even more so because of being trapped in the house to keep the spread down of this virus contained.

We have been seeing delicate signs of spring all round us sprout up in an array of faded fast food bags and cartons, ugly refuse from the previous season (sometimes referred to as “blooming garbage”).

It's often left to residents living along those sullied roads to clean up after these careless individuals, as littering seems to remain as widespread and as hard to eradicate as the this virus, despite efforts to do away with it.

In some towns, a handful of residents for years have gone above and beyond when it comes to this roadside spring-cleaning. These individuals spend their weekends sprucing up spots around town, as well as the town halls and school green-space each spring.

We appreciate the volunteer efforts that these selfless few put forth so our towns look beautiful each spring. However, there is only so much a few people can do. Ultimately, it is up to each resident to pick up their property, even if they aren't the ones who left trash behind.

It doesn't take a huge effort to take a short walk up and down the street in front of your home, even if only the

length of a house or two this way and that, and pick up the refuse thrown from car windows each winter. A little work goes a long way in keeping our neighborhoods clean and welcoming. Plus it will take your mind off everything else going on like the stock market and the virus.

Moving away from the subject of blooming garbage, there may be sun and warmer temperatures in the forecast, but it can be hard to keep the bright promise of springtime at the forefront in the midst of the continuous sound of the furnace kicking on good news oil prices have gone down.

If nothing else helps to remedy your spring fever in the face of the lingering chill, congratulate yourself on having just about gotten through another old fashioned, northern New England winter, a feat not for the faint of heart.

As the decayed foliage left over from last fall begins to emerge at the edge of our roads, we look forward to having soggy mud to replace the treacherous ice patches, and snow that once lined our driveways, streets and our lawns.

We try to remind ourselves, as we dream of the beauty at the end of the misery. Indeed, those of us who stick it out during the ever-extending winter know that blue skies and warm weather are just around the corner, and this summer isn't far behind.

But it would be nice, of course, if we could enjoy a little bit of spring first.

Letters

Business as Usual During Town Election

To the editor,

During this year's Town Elections, on Tuesday, March 10, I got to witness first-hand something that people have been complaining about for years.

My wife, Deb Paul, who was running for a seat on the Town Council, was the victim of blatant electioneering by Town Council Chairman John Farrell.

Here's what happened. I arrived to the polls about noontime so I could vote, and then get on with my day. While there, a friend of mine came up to me, and I could tell he was troubled by something.

He told me, while he was inside the gym, where voting was taking place, he was speaking with Farrell about something, when Farrell immediately began to make disparaging comments about Deb, and then brought up news articles on his phone to show him what had been written about her by the Derry News. Articles that, of course, did not show her in a favorable light, since they are from a competing publication in town, one that has always done their best to discredit her, and the Londonderry Times. For those who aren't aware she is the Publisher of the Londonderry Times.

As soon as told me this, I discussed it with Deb, and we decided to bring it to the attention of the Town Monitor, Tom Freda. We assumed he would have Farrell removed from the gym for electioneering inside the area which voting was taking place.

We were met with no such agreement.

He informed us that Farrell had to be at the polls, and he would not have him removed. He instead told us that there had been complaints about Deb hugging people outside the polls in the parking lot, and that those actions could be construed as “electioneering.”

Well, I searched for that when I got home, and could find nothing suggesting that. With that line of thought, I guess people aren't allowed to handshake either.

As it turned out, their efforts didn't matter much since Deb was the overwhelming winner.

I'd like to remind readers that shortly after the National Primary last month, at the very next Town Council meeting, members, including the chairman, went out of their way to say how they would work to make sure that people didn't feel intimidated when they are at the polls. Wow, that effort didn't even last one election cycle.

Maybe the chairman should start practicing what he told residents would happen moving forward.

I applaud my wife for running for the position, unfortunately, with Farrell as the Chairman, it will be business as usual.

Chris Paul
Londonderry

One Step to help the Earth

To the editor,

Londonderry was one of 23 towns whose voters passed the warrant article on Climate Pollution, thus far! Thank you to each of you who came out to vote. Everyone who participated, by exercising their right to vote is to be applauded. Still 20 more towns will

be voting on this resolution through May 2020. Also, cities have a different process and schedule. Our grassroots collaboration began this initiative just a few months ago. As was stated in article # 30, our Town Council will send a letter to our State Representatives, Governor Sununu, their Members of Congress, and President Trump stating many voters are asking the government to act on the climate crisis. We have a goal to enlist 200 town warrants next year. Other states are interested as well.

What can we do now? Let us prepare for the national price on carbon. Switch to LED light bulbs. Request a home energy audit from your power supply company and act on the recommendations. This will save you money and make your home more comfortable, healthy and safe. Those of us with lower and fixed incomes will feel the proportionately greater positive impact of these rebates. You may find yourself needing new appliances; consider energy efficiency first. These are the kinds of choices that a price on climate pollution incentivizes. Manufacturers of these goods will in turn become strongly motivated to produce more energy-efficient, less damaging products because of consumer demand. We are the powerful unseen force of an efficient market. The price of the cash back carbon policy price starts low and grows over time. This will drive down carbon pollution because energy companies, leading industries, and American consumers will choose to move toward cleaner, cheaper options.

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Letters

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The money collected from the carbon fee is allocated in equal shares every month to the American people to spend as they see fit. Program administrative costs are paid from the fees collected. The government does not keep any of the money from the carbon fee. To protect U.S. manufacturers and jobs, imported goods will pay a border carbon adjustment, and goods exported from the United States will receive a refund. This policy preserves effective current regulations, like auto mileage standards, but pauses the EPA authority to regulate the CO2 and equivalent emissions covered by the fee, for the first 10 years after the policy is enacted. If emission targets are not being met after 10 years, Congress gives clear direction to the EPA to regulate those emissions to meet those targets. The pause does not impact EPA regulations related to water quality, air quality, health or other issues. This policy's price on pollution will lower carbon emissions far more than existing and pending EPA regulations. Calculate your financial impact from energy Innovation Act with this personal carbon dividend calculator. Calculate your financial impact from energy Innovation Act with this personal carbon dividend calculator: Use the following link. <https://energyinnovationact.org/carbon-dividend-calculator/>
Cherylann Pierce
Londonderry

Thank you For the Vote

To the editor,
My name is Amy Finamore, and I am the newest member of Londonderry's School Board! I would like to thank each person who voted for me. I am humbled and honored to have earned your vote, and incredibly grateful that you have placed your trust in me. I pledge that, with my intentions and my actions, I will continue to earn that trust, and will work with the School District and the Town of Londonderry to make our schools the most effective they can be, for all of our students. I thank each of you who chatted with either my husband or myself on Election Day. It was wonderful to meet so many community members eager to work together for good.

I want to be an advocate for our students, our teachers, our parents and our community members. If anyone wants to contact me about school board, please call me at 603-339-6872 or email me at afinamore@londonderry.org.

Thank you,
Amy Finamore
School Board Member

Thank You For the Support

To the editor,
I want to take this moment to thank every person who took the time to vote for me in the recent town election. I am so proud to be able to serve the residents of Londonderry. I will work hard for you, but I am just one vote and voice.

To all of you who sent me letters, and those of you who helped me at

the polls, who helped with the various events and especially those who worked so hard every day getting the message out, you have my heartfelt thanks. I appreciate you all very much!

My message of small government, transparency, term limits, quality drinking water, lower spending that leads to lower taxes, while not forgetting those most vulnerable in our community, was well received.

I feel confident the majority of voters agree with the fact that government and the town cannot grow faster than the people's ability to pay for it. I will work hard and do my best, to represent all of you and my door is always open.

I will continue my commitment to public service by helping others and fighting for the ideals and principles that will make our community, stronger. I will always fight for the greater good and for what I believe to be in the best interest of all Londonderry residents.

I commend all the candidates for their interest, efforts and putting themselves out there to serve our town. I strongly recommend to all residents, especially women, to run for elected offices, and to be involved.

I love a challenge.

Once again, thank you all. I hope I can live up to your expectations.

Respectfully
Deb Paul
Londonderry

Thanks again!

To the editor:

Thanks to all the Londonderry folks who stopped by our tables during voting hours on Town Meeting Day, March 10th, and supported the Londonderry Historical Society whether through your purchase of our '\$300 Voting Day Gift Card Raffle' tickets or our delicious baked goods, coffee and our Historical Society items (our hats, books and coverlets), by offering a monetary donation, or just to say "Hello!" and talk a little Londonderry History!

And we can't thank enough all the wonderful businesses that gave for this \$300 Voting Day Gift Card Raffle: the ever-popular Puritan Backroom Restaurant & Ice Cream in Manchester (open since 1917!) stepped up in a major way, as did the new Xtreme Craze Inflatable Air Park & Ultimate Laser Tag at Appletree Mall on Route 102; the award winning Harrington Flowers (what exquisite floral arrangements!) on Mammoth Road up in

north Londonderry gave generously again, while the Stumble Inn Bar & Grill on Rockingham Road (serving Mr. Steer meats!) happily became a first-time donor, and getting ready for the spring season, both Shady Hill Greenhouses & Nursery on Adams Road and Freshwater Farms over in Atkinson each again offered their support with a gift card for the lucky winner.

Right after the polls closed at 8 p.m., Town Moderator Tom Freda reached in to pull the winning raffle ticket. Thank you, Tom, for assisting us! Who was the winner? We're happy to give our heartiest "Congratulations!" to Jeanne Buckley, whose husband Jim purchased the ticket for her, as she couldn't attend voting day. How sweet! Jeanne received \$325 (yes, \$325!) in Gift Cards the next day. We're sure Jeanne (and family) will enjoy visiting all these great area businesses soon- we hope that you will too!

From all of us at the Londonderry Historical Society, our heartfelt "Thanks!" to all of you, the wonderful residents of Londonderry, for supporting our mission to preserve the History of Londonderry. And please remember, the funds

raised through your generosity on voting day will go towards our efforts to make the Londonderry Historical Society's Old Home Day Event at the Morrison House Museum (this year on Saturday, August 15) just as wonderful as last year. We want you to be able to step back in time to the 18th century and enjoy a day of interaction with colonial reenactors, military encampments, canon firings, colonial tradesmen and women, children's games, and much more on our museum grounds!

Sincerely,
Ann Chiampa
Curator
Londonderry
Historical Society
(See photo of winner on page 10)

Thank you for the Generosity

To the editor,
We would like to thank the Mack family and employees of Mack's Apples, also known as Moose Hill Orchards for their outstanding help and generosity to the Girl Scouts in the region. Every year they are kind enough to dedicate their warehouse to receiving and disbursing cases and cases of Girl Scout cookies.

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LHS Band Trip Canceled: N.Y. Shuts Down St. Patrick's Day Parade

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Due to public health and safety concerns, New York City events including the city's St. Patrick's Day parade and the New York Invitational Music Festival at Carnegie Hall, where the LHS Symphonic Band was to perform, were canceled this past week. Per the New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's declaration, all venues and events with a capacity of 500 or more people were ordered to be canceled or closed last week, until further notice. These actions were taken as NYC wrestles with an uptick of COVID-19 victims. Nearby the Big Apple, more than half the total coronavirus cases in the area were located in the suburban commuter community of New Rochelle, where a one-mile containment area and drive up testing for the virus are now in place.

Unfortunately for the more than 200 student musicians of Londonderry High School and their chaperones, who were

scheduled to leave last Friday for what would be a lifetime "gig" event at Carnegie Hall in NYC and Washington DC, the St. Patrick's Day parades in both NYC and Washington DC were also called off.

Over the past week, there have been fatalities and the number of positive COVID-19 cases has been growing almost exponentially in many parts of the US; the State of New York is being hit hard with New York City being hit the hardest on the East Coast by this coronavirus pandemic. The absence of enough testing support at this time has resulted in there not being enough accurate data to know who has this virus. As difficult as this decision was, the safe thing was for the Londonderry High School Band and their supporters to not make this trip at the present time.

The New York St. Patrick's Day Parade has been a big-time attraction since its beginning in 1762, drawing millions of spectators with thou-

sands of performers and musicians making up the marching units in the parade. This is the first year ever this event has been canceled and at this time, it appears the event will not be rescheduled. Boston and many other cities including Chicago and Washington DC have also cancelled their "Big-Time" St. Patrick's Days parades this year.

Before all the events were officially cancelled,

Londonderry High School Music Director, Serge Beaulieu, had to write "a very difficult" memo to the High School Staff and notify his musicians that that the Londonderry High School Lancer Marching Band and Symphonic Band would not be making their expected trip. Beaulieu outlined that "the decision was made in the best interest for the safety of students, staff and the community

due to the new coronavirus outbreak." As things unfolded, the events would soon be cancelled, so the decision to cancel was actually out of the director's hands.

The Londonderry High Lancer Band has marched in the New York parade multiple times in past years. It is a shame for everyone involved that this trip and the events were cancelled. However, the music staff,

band directors and the musicians should know that the whole Londonderry community is extremely proud of this talented band and the LHS music program. The whole community looks forward to supporting their efforts to get to Carnegie Hall and those who did not make it this year will be acknowledged, as musicians who paved a path of talent and focus.

Letters

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27 Girl Scout troops arrived on March 6th at Mack's facility where they loaded over 1,760 cases of cookies which translated to 21,120 boxes of cookies which were then distributed to all the families who ordered from us.

The Mack family is legendary for their philanthropy to organizations in the area for years. We at the Girl Scouts owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for helping us every year with our major fund raiser. Londonderry/Litchfield Girl Scout Unit 205

Holly Trow
Londonderry

Better Late Than Never on Warrant Article 30

To the editor,
Although I realize that this letter is too late to affect the voting regard-

ing Warrant Article 30, I would like to respond to the last Letter to the Editor, which tried to "clarify" some of my comments in opposition of this, warrant.

You are correct. Mr. Bjorn Lomborg is not a scientist. I believe, however, that his credentials allow him to be an authoritative speaker on climate change. He is stated as saying "We should have a carbon tax ... the problem here is that [it] requires everyone to do it." (everyone meaning the world). Do you see all other countries implementing a carbon tax? He also stated "While a carbon tax is the right answer in a sense, it's very unlikely to make much of a difference. There are three other things that I think you need to do." (Research and development, adaptation techniques, and Geo-engineering) You may view this as a contradiction. I view it as coming to grips with reality.

You are correct in stating that we should "solve the energy crisis once and for all". The Carbon Cash Back Initiative does little to nothing to achieve this goal. Nowhere in the bill is any money set aside for research and development to provide cheaper green energy to companies and consumers.

The lure of this bill for the general public is that they get money back why does the calculator from the Carbon Cash-Back Coalition ask for the amount of your family income? If everyone is supposed to get money back, why should it matter how much you make?

You also stated "the average household also bears a responsibility to reduce our carbon footprint". Easier said than done. Will consumers stop traveling to their jobs by car if no public transportation exists? Will they stop traveling to see or care for loved ones that live far away? Will they sell their homes because they are too large? Will they spend the money to retrofit their homes to run SOL-ELY on green energy? I

doubt it.

You state that the "size of government will not grow". I find this hard to believe. Won't the government have to hire administrative personnel for this new initiative? What about the companies? Won't they have to hire personnel to deal with the Department of Energy? How are they also going to afford to retrofit their production and transportation facilities to green energies if they have to now dish out money for a punishing new tax?

Nowhere do you mention the carbon tax program already in existence, RGGL.

You say the bill has bipartisan support. Bipartisan and majority support does not mean the bill is a good one. Prohibition taught us that.

I can understand why the Carbon Cash Back Initiative sounds great. It makes us feel that we are truly doing something about climate change. I just don't think this bill is the right way to go about it.

Helen Maynard
Londonderry

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Children In Need of Food in Wake of School Closures

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As of March 16, 2020, 13 residents of New Hampshire have tested positive for COVID-19, otherwise known as coronavirus, 9 of which reside in Rockingham County.

On March 15, Governor Chris Sununu held a press conference with state epidemiologist Dr. Ben Chn and education commissioner Frank Edelblut, where the governor announced that all K-12 schools would be closing until Friday, April 3. During this time, students will transition to remote learning.

While these closures will work to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the Granite State, the hiatus will not only mean missed

classes for many students, it may also mean missed meals.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 11 million children in the United States live in "food insecure" households, meaning that these families struggle to provide each family member with adequate nutrition.

School lunch and breakfast programs provide some relief for food insecure families by providing their children with two out of three meals. However, many families still struggle to provide their children with enough to eat during the weekends.

End 68 Hours Of Hunger's New Hampshire divisions have been working to help provide the

state's children with meals during the 68 hours between Friday afternoon and Monday morning.

As this sudden and lengthy school closure leaves thousands of New Hampshire families in a difficult situation, the organization will find itself with far more than 68 hours of hunger to fill. Nevertheless, the volunteers of End 68 Hours New Hampshire are determined to help meet every single one of them, but they will need some help from the public.

As of March 15, the Londonderry chapter of End 68 reported that the organization had two weeks worth of food going out to students for the week of March 16.

"We are also adding to

our numbers as parents reach out for help with food needs." read a bulletin on the Londonderry division's Facebook page. "So if you are able, please continue to donate. We are especially low on canned tuna/chicken and fruit cups/cans."

End 68 Hours of Londonderry typically services 60 children each week, said Program Coordinator Rachel Yakey, but with closures they are adding more each day as parents worry about food security.

Yakey also reported that the Londonderry chapter was low on soup, cereal, individual snack items, and that the chapter was out of jelly entirely.

The Derry division reported that they plan to

have 100 boxes of two to three weeks worth of food available to area families, 50 available at West Running Brook Middle School and 50 at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School.

"Once we get the families supplied with this amount of food we will readdress in a couple of weeks," said Melissa Carolan, Program Coordinator of End 68 Hours in Derry. "But I'm sure we will need more donations and help going forward."

As stores struggle to keep shelves stocked, extra food may be hard to come by. But those who are able to assist 68 Hours in their mission to keep children in need nourished are encouraged to bring nonperishable and canned food goods to drop off locations located

at the Londonderry Police Station and Derry Middle Schools.

Monetary donations can also be given to help the organization purchase goods via direct links to the Londonderry and Derry community pages on their Facebook pages, End 68 Hours of Hunger Londonderry, NH and End 68 Hours Of Hunger Derry/Chester.

For more information, or to reach out for assistance in the Londonderry area, call (603) 577-6904, or send questions to londonderry@end68hoursf.org.

For more information, or to reach out for assistance in the Derry area, call (603) 479-3425, or send questions to derry@end68hoursf.org.

Residents Vote for Two New School Board Members and 13 Articles

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Of the over 15,000 registered voters in Londonderry, just over 2,700 came out to vote during the School Elections held on Tuesday, March 10, at the Londonderry High School.

The results of the election are as follows:

School Board Election Results

Bob Slater: 1,878 (won)
Amy Finamore: 1,449 (won)
Greg DePasse: 1,094

Article 2: General School Board Operating Budget:

A. \$78,875,263 Estimated Tax (Increase) Impact: \$12.34 No 1,295

B. \$78,474,263 Default Budget Estimated Tax (Increase) Impact \$12.25 Yes 1,512 (PASSED)

Article 3: The Custodi-

an AFSCME Local 1801 Collective Bargaining Agreement for salaries and benefits that will affect FY 2020-21 through 2022-2023. To raise \$68,864 for FY 2020-2021.

Yes: 1,964

No: 878 (PASSED)

Article 4: Support Staff Council 93/AFSCME Local 1801 Collective Bargaining Agreement for salaries and benefits that will affect FY 2020-21 through 2022-2023. To raise \$352,339 for FY 2020-21.

Yes: 1,749

No: 1,029 (PASSED)

Article 5: If Articles 3 and 4 do not pass the article authorizes the School Board to hold a Special Meeting to address the non-passage of either or both of these articles for cost items only.

Yes: 1,851

No: 912 (PASSED)

Article 6: School Lunch Funds and Federal Funds: Accept, raise, and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund = \$1,672,000 School lunches and federal projects \$1,470,000 for a total of \$3,142,000 self-supporting via LOCAL, State, or Federal revenue sources.

Yes: 2,408

No: 389 (PASSED)

Article 7: Maintenance Expending Trust Fund: To raise and appropriate \$600,000 for facilities maintenance, e.g., roofs, paving, boilers, and small renovation projects.

Yes: 1,625

No: 1,156 (PASSED)

Article 8: To raise and appropriate \$150,000 for an Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to purchase small equipment for classrooms, offices, technology, and buildings and grounds from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020.

Yes: 1,936

No: 852 (PASSED)

Article 9: To raise and appropriate \$125,000 for the Technology Network Infrastructure Fund routers, wiring switches, access points, wireless network and other equipment software or service as necessary.

Yes: 1,757

No: 1,033 (PASSED)

Article 10: To create a Special Reserve Fund for Vehicle and Machinery

(est, min, \$5,000) and raise \$125,000 for the fund with the School Board as agents to expend.

Yes: 1,428

No: 1,352 (PASSED)

Article 11: Approve or Disapprove School Board Charter changes re specific legally references, states what a Default budgets is/isn't, and gives authority for school Board to act on "relevant" new information and amend default budget at any time before ballots are printed.

Yes: 1,694

No: 864 (PASSED)

Article 12: To approve a 20-foot Easement of School District property at North Elementary School to Sanborn Cross-

ing Apartments for the purpose of installing and maintaining town water and sewer lines.

Yes: 1,694

No: 864 (PASSED)

Article 13: To raise and appropriate a non-lapsing \$150,000 to remove all known asbestos in school facilities and to be terminated by June 30, 2023.

Yes: 1,960

No: 688 (PASSED)

Article 14: Authorize the creation of a non-lapsing Revolving "Self-supporting fund" to cover costs of self-supporting programs and/or activities not associated with a federal program or mandate.

Yes: 1,904

No: 705 (PASSED)



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Planning Moves Portable Storage Ordinance to Council

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board held a Public Hearing Wednesday, March 11 to consider proposed changes to Londonderry Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.15.1 for Portable

Storage Structures in the AR?1 District, as well as for Ordinances 5.15.2 Portable Structures in Commercial Districts, and 5.15.3 Portable Structures in Industrial Districts. The proposed changes are related to the placement, length and permitted time

for these structures.

The full legal text of the amended changes is available at the Planning and Economic Development Department at the Town Clerk's Office, and the Leach Library. At the meeting, the Planning Board, led by Chairman Art Rugg, unanimously approved, by a vote of 7-0, that the proposed changes be moved for consideration and adoption by the Town Council.

There are to be 2 readings of the new ordinance changes before the Town Council. The first reading is to be the introduction to the public and the second reading is to be a full public hearing in front of the Town Council for their final consideration of the updated ordinances.

Chairman Rugg also noted that there are rules and procedures for public comment that are docu-

mented for further public feedback. Chairman Rugg pointed out that the change process for these ordinance sections has been in discussion over the past year. Rugg said, "We have had many sources of input on this."

Planning Director, Colleen Mailloux, summed up the status of the changes, "The Planning Board had recommended language that went to the Town Council for a public hearing and at that hearing the Town Council expressed a concern and asked the Town attorney - what is the likelihood of ZBA approval of a variance in meeting the five criteria of the law for a variance to be approved to allow a portable storage structure? The Town attorney was not convinced that could be possible, so the council asked us to look at some addi-

tional language specifically about the AR-1 district."

Mailloux continued speaking to the board members, "The language you have in front of you now for portable storage structures in industrial districts is the same as the draft language previously outlined for those commercial zoning districts. To have a portable structure requires a site plan review by the Planning Board. When it can be done and reviewed administratively, then it will be done administratively, which is a relatively straightforward process. However, if it is determined there is a need for a site plan process or a request does not qualify for an administrative site plan review, then this request would come before the planning board." Mailloux noted, "The new changes proposed here are in the AR-1 district, which are now what the staff has pro-

posed and has been reviewed by the Town attorney; we believe this addresses the concerns the Town Council had raised. This language would be to permit portable storage structures by special exception in the AR - 1 district. If an applicant comes into the ZBA and shows they can meet the criteria laid out in the ordinance, then the ZBA has to approve it.

At the meeting, the Planning Board also acknowledged Mary Wing Soares, Vice Chair, for her contributions to the Planning Board as a board member, including her leadership roles - as Wing Soares is leaving the Planning Board and moving to another town in the state. Chairman Rugg told Wing Soares, "I want to thank Mary for her 16 years as a board member, and for putting up with me. I am very appreciative of your assistance and for keeping things on track."

OBITUARY

Josephine Lavoie



Josephine Lavoie of Londonderry, NH, quietly died at the skilled nursing facility, Courville of Nashua, on March 10, 2020. She was the dear and loving wife of Maurice Lavoie. She was just a few weeks away from her 88th birthday. They were married for 48 years and while they did not have any children of their own, they tried to serve God's children through other avenues

She was born in 1932, a daughter of the late John and Rose Flynn (Cullen) of Lagoon, Glenfarne, Co. Leitrim, Ireland. Her home was in beautiful Glenfarne Valley. She was raised on a small and typical Irish family farm and she was one of eleven children made up of seven girls and four boys.

At the early age of fifteen, Josephine entered the religious life by joining the Franciscans Sisters of the Atonement and faithfully served her God with them for twenty-three years. She came to the United States between the years of the late 1940's to the early 1950's. In her religious life she was on the mission band and ministered and served the Lord in many locations including Philadelphia, New York City, New York state, Maine, and New Hampshire.

In 1968, she became laicized from her religious order but continued to serve God as a lay person on other veins. She became involved in various Catholic/Christian ministries. She was active as a Eucharistic Minister, the prison ministry, a teacher in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to the young. The prison ministry included corresponding with various prisoners, informing them of the love and mercy that was available to them from the person, and the God, of Jesus Christ.

In 1968, she met her husband to be Maurice, in Boston and they were married in March of 1972. During Josephine's married life, her first (and only) job was as the primary accountant for the Greater Nashua Day Care Center, located on Shattuck Street in Nashua, NH. She worked there for nearly twenty-five years and retired in the early 1990's.

Josephine has been pre-deceased by nine of her siblings. In addition to her husband of Londonderry, her lone family member living is a sister, Francis Kelly, of Sweetwood, Killarney, Co. Leitrim, Ireland.

Josephine was waked at St Mark's the Evangelist Church, 1 South Rd, Londonderry on Sunday, March 15. Her life was celebrated, also at St Marks, on Monday, March 16 with a Mass of Christian Burial. Her burial will be at a later date in Littleton, NH. Donations in her memory may be made to Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, 2 Quincy St., Nashua, NH 03060. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisted the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Claude C. L'Etoile



Claude C. L'Etoile, 74, of Londonderry, NH, died Friday, March 13, 2020 in Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. He was born in Windsor, Quebec, Canada on April 6, 1945, a son of the late Anatole and Simone (Cayer) L'Etoile. He had been a resident of Londonderry for over 50 years, formerly living in Canada. Claude was a self-employed carpenter, and loved to build birdhouses and jewelry boxes in his spare time.

He is survived by his son, Jason L'Etoile and his wife Kimberly of Londonderry; his granddaughter, Breeanna L'Etoile of Londonderry; his sister, Denise Landry of Nashua, NH; his brothers, Fernand L'Etoile of Litchfield, NH, Serge L'Etoile of Conn., and Luc L'Etoile of Texas. He was predeceased by his wife, Nicole (Poulin) L'Etoile in 2019, his sister, Diane Dubois in 2019, and his son Daniel L'Etoile in 2018.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry at a date to be announced.

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Water

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ther discussions with DES about arsenic and other issues too. Farrell agreed that another meeting with NH DES would be a good idea. Farrell told residents the discussion would continue, not only about the Saint-Gobain issues, but likely there would be another meeting to talk about arsenic levels in wells and what residents can do to make their well water safe.

Farrell also noted he lives in one of the outlined problem water areas; he was able to get his well water tested over recent months for the PFOAs that can cause cancer. Farrell stated he was at a milestone of being cancer free after treatments for cancer, found a few years ago, were determined to be successful. Cancer was a topic that reoccurred as residents came forward. Residents told of their pets dying of cancer at an early age and about horses that have now developed huge tumors.

Several residents reported bouts with cancer or relatives passing from cancer over recent years who were drinking this contaminated well water. Resident Bob Ramsay speculated if his cancer diagnosis might be connected to any water problems. "I'm kind of wondering if there is any kind of connection there," he said. Currently there is no science link proving Londonderry well water has caused cancer - although PFOA chemicals

have been linked via scientific studies to cancer.

NH DES officials discussed blood testing being done by the state related to chemical contamination issues found near the former Pease Air Force Base area. There was discussion how it may be appropriate for Londonderry residents to be blood tested too, although the DES team said gaining participation from residents may not be easy.

Farrell publicly expressed angst that council members and residents felt in the crowded room. "We're not happy, we get it," Farrell told the overflowing crowd. "We are upset about it, but what do we do?"

"What do we do" is the right question. It is also a question to be answered by the State of NH, by the Town of Londonderry, by all affected town residents and even the Federal Government, as the community seeks solutions, financial support and identifies the sources of the problem in order to stop it.

What is the town's plan to help the community deal with this toxic water contamination? What about the property values hits that residents with contaminated wells are going to take as their property taxes have recently been raised? Will these property value hits only happen to residents where PFOA contamination is found? ... or will these issues bring the entire town's residential property values down as tax rates continue to go up?

What about residential property abatements for the coming year that might be needed to realign lowered property values impacted by water contamination? How will the town be able to budget if property values are impacted and abatements lower tax revenues? Can the town help lower costs for water testing to baseline where the problems are now located? Will there be town rebates for filtration systems and if so where will the cutoff be made for residents who need to be able to drink clean non-contaminated water?

Farrell said that the Council will be putting together more feedback sessions with residents to help determine the right plans to solve these problems. "This will not be the only meeting," Farrell said. "We will continue to meet until we get an idea."

Vinyl Cerro lives on High Range Road in the zone connected to Saint-Gobain's designated contamination responsibility. Cerro said he is receiving bottled water from them. "It's well worth it to have your wells tested," he said. "Get it done, get it tested, so we can hopefully have a total picture of the town."

However, who is going to monitor well water testing across town and keep track of this data? Should not the source contaminator pay for all this testing - not only where they made a business deal for being responsible? So, what's the next step?

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School

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School district - as per the Governor's order - will support remote learning for all students for a minimum of two weeks until at least Friday, April 3. According to Sununu, NH officials will reassess the situation over that time period and provide guidelines as to when or if school districts across N.H will reopen again for this calendar year.

Londonderry School District Superintendent, Scott Laliberte has been keeping parents up to date about the impact of the pandemic upon schools in Londonderry over the past several weeks.

Events and decisions have been moving rapidly, so it is important for students and parents to continue to check for status updates - everyone should check their emails, messages, Twitter statements and access

the districts web site for the latest developments. To access the Londonderry school district web site, please connect your web browser to <https://londonderry.org>

The Londonderry school district is working hard and quickly to provide appropriate learning curriculum for students through remote learning instruction that will be accessed via internet connections through computers or other supported devices.

Amity Small, Matthew Thornton (MT) Elementary Principal, has reported to parents and students this week saying, "We are certainly in uncharted times, and we appreciate your patience as we work out the plan for your students to learn remotely at home. MT educators are doing their very best with a very large task in very little time. Yet I assure you teachers and staffs are working diligently to

put an appropriate plan in place for each class's learning. They will have everything ready for your child(ren) to start their remote journey Monday, March 23."

Superintendent Laliberte has pointed out that all school district staff members have been requested to report for work at their school buildings this past week. Laliberte says, "Please note there is an expectation of students and staff that learning continue, even in spite of these challenges. We will be sending out further information on an ongoing basis... It will be a challenge to make this transition, but I am confident that our staff and families will make the best of a difficult situation."

The Superintendent noted, "Students who do not have access to an adequate device (computer, Chromebook, etc.) will have the option of signing one out of school

for their use during the period of remote learning. We have also received word from Comcast that they will be offering a free basic internet package to any student who does not have internet access. Details of this offer are still being developed, and further communications will be forthcoming on the subject."

The Londonderry School District will continue to offer food service for breakfast and lunch through the district's dining services. Food will be prepared at the LHS cafeteria, and a distribution system will be put into place. Further details on this system will also be forthcoming so it is good to check the district's web site for more information.

mation.

The school district itself continues to function, and employees are being rescheduled or redeployed temporarily either to work remotely or with other responsibilities that will be in keeping with public health standards. Employees have been receiving specific information on this process over the past week.

District officials realize there are some age groups, courses, and material that will not translate well to remote learning. The district team intends to do everything they can to ensure that learning continues with best practices. School officials note that these are unprecedented

times, and they call for the school staffing, students and parents to be creative and flexible.

Superintendent Laliberte sums up, "It is very important we all recognize this process is being completed in order to advance the health of our community, and this is not to be considered 'time off' for students or staff. In order for this time to count towards our school year, teaching staff must continue to offer learning experiences as best we can, and students and their families should likewise engage in the material sent to them. We do anticipate complications and problems, and we ask for your patience as we work to resolve them."

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Jeanne Buckley, received \$325 in Gift Cards after winning the raffle held at last week's Town Election by the Londonderry Historical Society. The funds raised through donations on voting day will go towards the Historic Society's efforts to make the Londonderry Historical Society's Old Home Day Event at the Morri-son House Museum.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Girls' Hoops Semi-Final Game Put on Extended Hold

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High Schools Girls' Basketball team's Semi-Final game in the NHIAA Division One Tournament against Goffstown High School on Thursday, March 12, was unfortunately postponed, leaving the girl's outcome on a perpetual hold for now. The postponement was due to the recent Coronavirus outbreak, and the NHIAA took quick action last week, postponing the game to the following day, Friday the 13th, with some restrictions.

Their restrictions consisted of players only getting four tickets, and only players, coaches, and necessary staff would be allowed to attend. Later that day, the NHIAA decided to cancel and postpone all tournament games until further notice. This, as New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu called for a State of Emergency because of the virus outbreak.

It was decided that this would be a way to prevent any illness being spread to players, coaches and fans, but this does take a huge toll on the players. With a Semi-Final game being canceled twice on the Lady Lancers, it's really testing their mental toughness and head coach Nick Theos has been right there with them. "It's been tough, twice now we were prepared and ready

to go only to have the rug pulled out from us." Coach knows how bad his girls want to compete and win, but being safe is the most important thing. "It hurt the girls, right now in their lives this is the most important thing going on. We have had many talks trying to keep them motivated in case we do play, but also bracing ourselves if it gets pulled. It's changing every hour it seems and hard to make a plan for the future." Head Coach Nick Theos continued to say.

It has been a challenge to prepare for a game that has no date, but his squad has been doing all they can to stay ready. "We have kept it business as usual, we have practiced most days and tried to keep it normal for all the girls. I thought this would be the best course of action and it's hard to ramp up the intensity because you just don't know when and if the other shoe will drop."

Other than having their game cancelled, they battled more adversity by not even being able to practice on their home court last week. With town voting talking place, followed by a band concert on their hardwood, the Lancers had to travel to Pinkerton Academy gym, this with the help of both Athletic Directors cooperating together to make it happen. "This was difficult, there was nothing the



Junior forward Ashley Schmitt and her teammates had a good head of steam running in the NHIAA play-offs, but things stalled before the Semi-Finals against Goffstown could get underway.



Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball head coach Nick Theos will have to wait to see what future holds for his team as the Coronavirus has put a stop to all NHIAA playoff games.

school could do. We had voting that needed the gym, I wanted a court that could provide the girls little distractions and multiple baskets to use for shooting. It was the AD Howard that came up with the idea, and Pinkerton was so gracious. They gave us everything we needed, courts, privacy, everything. They didn't have to do that, but it showed what competition should be about." Theos added.

He is also very proud of how his girls responded and have been dealing with these unusual circumstances. "The girls

did the best they could with a tough situation, and we prepared the best we could. I kept telling them this would make us

stronger, and I was proud of the way they handled this adversity they are tough." Theos finished up by saying.



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LHS JV Girls Hoop Squad Looks Back on Bright Season

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team didn't have as much success as the varsity squad did this season, but had a great experience and put in lots of hard work.

The team finished with a 4-12 record, but players had significant improvements. Head coach Ashley Abad's focus was not 100 percent on wins, but more of learning the game and getting better. "We were a very young team, as seven out of the nine girls were new to high

school basketball. Although we finished the season with an overall record of 4-12, wins and losses are not the focus at the JV level. Throughout the season all of our efforts were aimed at improving the basic fundamentals and skills of the game of basketball

and to help prepare the girls for future roles at the varsity level."

One girl on the squad knew her role and accepted the responsibility of leading and helping her young team succeed. "As an experienced player in the program Maura Buckley stepped up to help the girls get accustomed to practice and game routines which helped established a consistent routine for the girls." Abad continued to say. "The team struggled in the early stages of the season, but by the end were able to finish off our last two regular season games with two consecutive wins against Exeter and Salem."

It was an up and down season for the Lady Lancer's with wins, losses, and injuries but the girls stayed tough through all of it. "This season was a challenge on a variety of levels beginning with a knee injury to Shannon Ball which put her out for the whole season. However Shannon continued to be there for the team every step of the way as she came to practices and games, support-

ing her teammates."

The girls showed what it truly means to be a team, and how it takes hard work and dedication to reach success. "Despite these adversities the girls worked hard at practices and games. Their efforts and determination were always on display, it was impressive to see how the girls leaned on one another for support and how they worked together as a team." Abad went on to say.

Some girls took roles into their own hands, which help create a smooth flowing squad. Each player embraced their role and worked to perfect their craft. "Amanda Fawcett took the lead in calling our offense, while Izzy Pucillo and Katie Kraft stepped up as our ball handlers and outside shooters. Cassidy Dillon's height was a strong asset in rebounding success and contributing on the defensive end. Each and every player did their part to contribute to the success and development of the JV squad over the course of the last four months."

Coach Abad had nothing but great things to say about the season and enjoyed every moment with her girls. "It was a very enjoyable season in coaching the girls with their fun and outgoing personalities. It was a wonderful balance of a competitive, but fun atmosphere to be apart of. Coach Stan Miller also helped out with the JV squad this season and I couldn't have done it without him. He was able to help out with the girls in all practices and games, giving them input and ideas on how to better improve on their skills and fundamentals in basketball."

Abad was really happy to have coached them before they get ready for the next stage in basketball, and thinks her season with them was a success. "It was truly a fun and successful season when thinking about developing our squad to be better basketball players. Which is really what JV is all about, I'm glad to have met all the girls and to have been along the ride with them." Abad finished up saying.



Londonderry High School Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team is looking forward to contributing next season as possible varsity players. Courtesy photo

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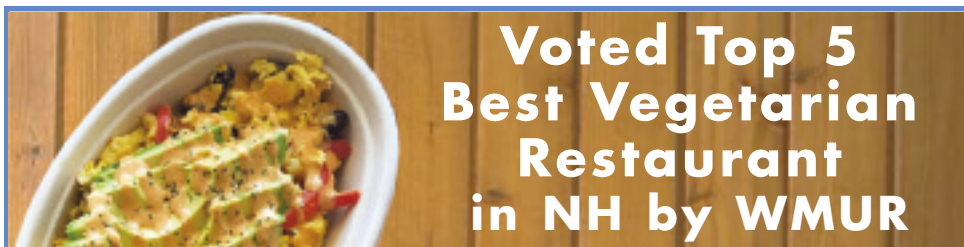
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LHS JV Hockey Squad Battled All Season Despite Outcome

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Junior Varsity Ice Hockey team didn't have the best season when it came to wins and losses, but a lot of hard work was put in throughout the winter months.

The young hockey squad, led by head coach Jim Cotter faced a lot of adversity throughout the year, but was always up for the challenge. "We had a very young team, 13 of our players were freshmen and we usually found ourselves going against much older teams," said

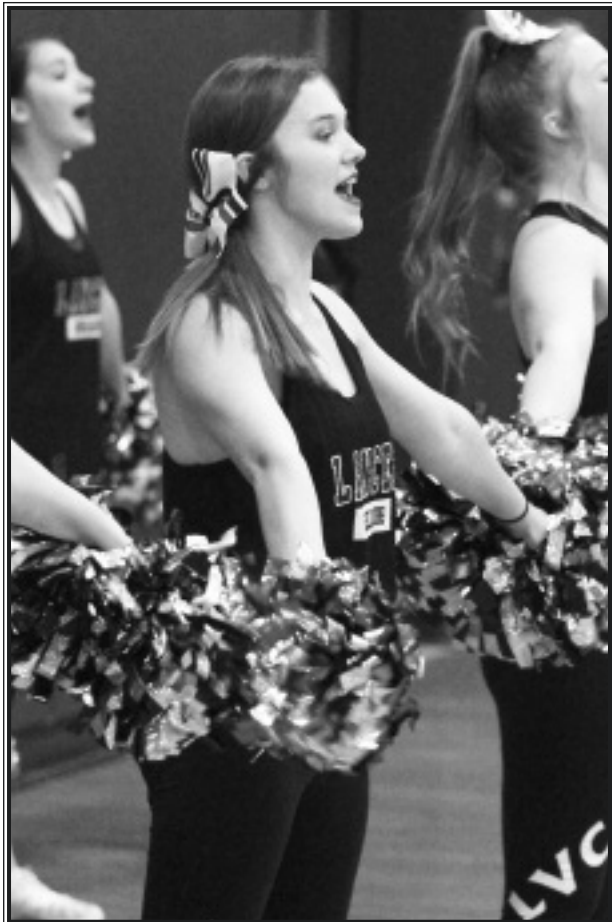
Cotter.

The junior varsity squad finished the season with a disappointing 2-10 record, but improved and learned a lot. "The boys learned what it takes to play high school hockey and they all worked extremely hard to improve and hopefully advance to varsity next year."

Losing isn't always such a bad thing, since the young Lancer squad showed improvement throughout the entire season. "We could see the improve the throughout the year as our games became more and more

competitive. We came every close to upsetting a few playoff teams towards the end of the season. It really was a great group of kids, always giving a great effort, very Coach able and likable." Cotter finished up saying.

The young team included: Cameron Grant, Logan Bower, Joseph Czekanski, Ethan Cohen, Matthew Traynham, Nicholas Laverriere, Cameron Galarneau, Ryan Mague, Nathan Pope, Austin Courtemanche, Alec Tuccolo, Andrew Downer, Nicholas DiMaggio, and Aidan Cardosi.



Fond Farewell

Longtime Lancer cheerleader Ashley Greenwood was the lone senior on the Winter Spirit Squad's roster this year, and during the final game of the LHS Boys' Basketball season, she was honored during the senior night ceremony that evening.

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Lancer Gridiron Star Tsetsilas Will Be Headed To St. A's

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The very soon-to-be Londonderry High School graduate Alex Tsetsilas has officially announced that he will continue playing football as an NCAA athlete.

The Lancer wide receiver has decided to put all of his energy and effort to the Division II, Saint Anselm College for the next four years. After coming off an amazing perfect championship season with his fellow Lancer squad, he hopes to bring that same energy for his new school just up the road in Manchester.

Tsetsilas will be leaving behind some big shoes to fill at LHS, as he was able to set the record for most receiving touchdowns in Londonderry High School history with 17. During his final season he had 604 receptions, 11

total touchdowns, and had five interceptions on defense.

Tsetsilas says he's up for a challenge in the next chapter of his life, and that's one reason why he chose Saint Anselm. "I chose Saint Anselm because of the high academics and it will challenge me and give me the best opportunities in the classroom and on the field. I've always wanted to play college football, and coach Lauzon helped me realize that it was possible for me to play at the next level," said Lancer senior Tsetsilas.

It's always a tough transition being with a team for four years, then moving away and trying to fit in with a new squad, but the excitement of playing four more years of football makes the goodbye not so difficult. "I miss playing high school

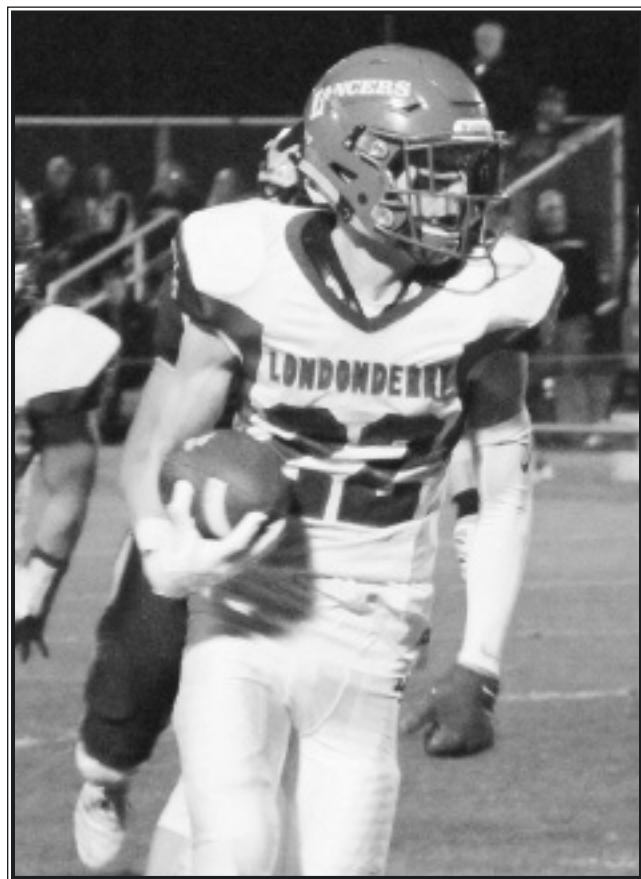
football with my team everyday. Knowing I get to continue to do what I love for four years, makes me excited, especially because I'll be playing at a high level."

Football has always been in Alex's life, along with the mentality of hard work truly pays off, and that the team always comes first. "I started playing football in seventh grade, and once I threw the pads on I fell in love with the game. I love being surrounded by my team and the family aspect of it. I always keep in mind that all the hard work I'm putting in I'm doing for my team. All I want is for my team to succeed and that's what drives me," Tsetsilas continued to say.

He thanked his family for much of his success, saying that's the one thing that has gotten him

to his point life. "My biggest supporters are my parents, sisters, grandparents, my coaches, and my teammates. I've been blessed with the amount of supports they've given me, and I owe all of my success to them."

Alex will be leaving Londonderry High School with nothing but high praise towards his teammates and coaching staff. "My teammates and coaches are the best in the state. You won't find another program in the state where the coaches relate so well to the players, yet the discipline and the hard work is more intense than you would think. Obviously there's no better way for me to end my career than with my ring and 2019 State Champions hanging in the gym forever," Tsetsilas finished up by saying.



LHS senior Alex Tsetsilas has announced that he will continue playing football in the fall at Saint Anselm College in Manchester.

Londonderry Track Squad Freshmen Gain Recognition

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire Track and Field came out with their "2020 Final Fab Frosh" results, which is a list of the top freshmen Indoor Track performances from this past season based on their seasonal personal records. Out of all the events, four Lancers of

the Londonderry High School Indoor Track squads made the cut.

First on the list was Lance Meghan Daileanes in the girl's 55-meter dash. She had the fourth best time out of each freshman in her conference with a time of 8.03. Ilyana Braswell of Nashua South had the best time (7.88), Emma Winslow of

Belmont second (7.95), and Nashua South's Mia Cruz had the third best time of 7.98.

The next Lancer to make the cut was Ryan Fortin in the boys 1,000-meter run. Fortin had the fourth fastest time of 2:56.01, as Luke O'Halloran of Portsmouth Christian had the best time of 2:54.32. Windham's Logan

Carter was second best (2:55.66), and Keane Swiesz of Oyster River had the third best time of 2:55.74.

Moving to the Long Jump, Meghan Daileanes made the cut again for Londonderry with the eighth best Long Jump score out of the freshmen class with a jump of 14'1.25". Ava Houle of Campbell had the best jump of (16'5.25"), San-

born Regional's Lillian Gibby was second (15'4"), and Kamille Atkins of Keene had the third best with a jump of 14'9.75".

In girls' Shot Put, Kathryn Martin of Londonderry had the fifth best throw, reaching 26'2". Pinkerton Academy's Briana Danis had the best throw (33'5"), Newmarket's Lilianna Gonzalez second (32'2.25"), and Milford's Kylie Allen had

the third best with a score of 30'10.25".

In girls' High Jump Lancer Isabella Landry had the fifth best jump of 4'8". Pinkerton's Jordan Wheaton took home the first best (5-feet), Nashua North's Kelechi Okorie tied for first (5-feet), Faith Mamos of Pinkerton second (4'9"), and Exeter's Kaitlyn Brussels had the third best of 4'8".

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LHS Freshman Boys Hoops Recaps Outstanding Season

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Freshman Boys' Basketball season certainly showed that there are some signs of light at the end of the Lancer basketball program. The young LHS squad, led by first-year head coach Shaun Yelle finished the season with a very impressive 10-4 record, and entered the freshman playoff tournament as the number four seed.

In that competition, they beat Goffstown High School in the first round, but lost in the quarterfinals to Windham High School.

Their biggest win of the season was when the Lancer's beat Nashua

South 51-46, as the Purple Panthers ended the season as the second seed in the post season.

The team captains were Kyle Rondeau, Kevin Rourke, and Nathan Palmer, and according to Coach Yelle his favorite part about his squad was "Their selflessness, hard work, and leadership." Yelle came off a rough previous coaching season in middle school, but his Lancer squad made him forget about that. "After a two win middle school season the previous year, to come into high school and finish 10-4 shows how hard these kids work and what they are capable of. It was an honor to get to coach these great young men, the future of Londonderry Basketball is

bright," Yelle said.

The Lancer team had some memorable games this past season, where some players really showed their skills. Earlier in the season Kevin Roukre exploded for 22 points and 11 rebounds against Salem, while Nathan Palmer did it all with 18 points, 6 assists, and 4 steals. Along with those great performances Sean Klegg scored 14 points, had 9 rebounds, 4 steals, and 2 blocks in a game against a tough Nashua South team. Kevin Rourke led the team all year in scoring with 15.6 points per game, while Nathan Palmer handled the playmaking with 5.2 assists per game. Kevin Rourke also dominated the glass with 8.5



The LHS Freshman Boys' Basketball team had a 10-4 season. Courtesy photo

rebounds per game, Nathan Palmer was a leach on defense as he stole the ball 3.6 times a game and no one got into Sean Kleggs house easily as he averaged 2.2 blocks a game. Connor Fennell

was consistent from deep for his squad as he averaged 2.4 made three-pointers a game.

The 10-4 Lancer squad included: of Brady Anderson, Spencer Brassard, Jack Drabik, Victor

Elguezabal, Owen Evens, Connor Fennell, Aidan Huard, Sean Klegg, Zach Lindholm, Jacob Maloney, Nathan Palmer, Cam Radford, Kyle Rondeau, Kevin Rourke, Drew Fuller, and Hunter Currier.

Governor Issues Three Emergency Orders To Provide Relief

Today, Governor Chris Sununu issued Emergency Orders 3, 4, and 5, which will provide relief for Granite Staters affected by COVID-19.

"Tough decisions have been made at the state level, but we will get through this together," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Seeing what the lack of an appropriate response has resulted in around the world requires that we make some difficult decisions here in New Hampshire to ensure we stem the tide of this worldwide pandemic

within our own communities. We are taking steps to help Granite Staters, ensuring they have the support and services for themselves, their families, and their businesses throughout this crisis."

Emergency Order #3: All providers of electric, gas, water, telephone, cable, VOIP, internet service, and deliverable fuel services will be prohibited from disconnecting or discontinuing service for non-payments for the duration of the State of Emergency.

Emergency Order #4: Landlords will not be

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Emergency Order #5: Individuals who are unable to work or who have reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic will have immediate access to unemployment benefits. Anyone in the following situations will now be eligible for state unemployment: If your

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any of the above listed situations will also be eligible.

Individuals will need to file for each week of temporary unemployment and all of this can and should be done online at www.nhes.nh.gov, or by calling . People can do all of this online from your home internet connection or your phone without ever having to go into a

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Republican Meeting

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On Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m., Mr. Fran Hart's presentation "Music of the Beatles" will be held at the Leach Library. Participants will

not only learn about the music of the Beatles, but also about the influence the band exerted on the cultural landscape. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. The event is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Magnificent Monster Circus Puppet Show

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National Library Week Raffle

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 20 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, each children's item checked out will earn you a raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool book bag. Stop by the display case in the Leach Library's Children's Room to see what the prize looks like.

National Library Week Craft

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 20 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, Leach Library patrons are invited to create their own corner bookmark. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your bookmark

in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

Firefly Nights

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, April 20 from 4 - 5 p.m. to imagine a firefly night! Hear stories and sing songs about fireflies then join in a search for the hidden firefly. All participants will leave with a wind-up flying bug. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 13.

Vacation Scavenger Hunt Bingo

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 27 and ending Saturday, May 2 at 5 p.m. participants can pick up a bingo card in the Leach Library Children's Room, then explore the library to find items that will make bingo: five in a row vertically, horizontally or diagonally. Return the items to the Children's Room for a special treat and a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize bag.

April Vacation Craft

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 27 and ending on Saturday, May 2 at 5 p.m. participants will have a chance to create their own butterfly craft. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your butterfly in the library or in the comfort of your own home

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: March 24, at 6 - 7:30 p.m. 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. For more information contact: Kristin Grages, Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist 603-

432-1100, ext 198.

VA BINGO

On March 23 Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing prize money.

Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican group will meet on Thursday, March 19, from 7 - 9 p.m. Help us make plans for an impactful 2020 election cycle. Be an outcome influencer. We meet in a classroom at Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry.

Watch Me Grow!

On March 24, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Learn how to assess child development and know when there is a need for further resources and where to turn in your community, at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

On My Own Teen Series

Want to build new skills and have fun? Free Basic Sewing Survival Wednesdays March 25 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

Teen Talk

You are not alone group Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18 yrs. - Free Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

Library Movie

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, March 19 from 3:15 - 5 p.m. for our young adult movie Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will enjoy the movie, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, at this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is required.

Take and Make

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to pick up supplies to create their own Origami Animal bookmark. Craft supplies are located at the Leach Library circulation desk.

Flume and Isinglass Voting

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in

grades 6 - 12 are invited to the Leach Library to vote for their favorite Flume or Isinglass nominated title. Flume Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire high school readers. Isinglass Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire middle school readers. Voting slips are located on the drum table in the young adult area. Participants may vote for more than one book. For each voting slip handed in, participants will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate!

Craft Time

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. to explore their creative side. Each week, participants will discover a different fun craft to make using a variety of materials. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: March 25, April 1, and 8.

Delve into Knowledge

Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to answer our special trivia challenge question. If you are not sure of the answer, use one of our books or the Internet to help you. All answers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool prize. A new trivia challenge will be available each week starting at 9 a.m. on March 23, and 30, and will be available until 5 p.m. on Saturday each week.

Magnificent Monster Circus Puppet Show

Join CactusHead Puppets at the Leach Library on Monday, April 6 from 4 - 5 p.m. for their fun and interactive show, Magnificent Monster Circus. Meet Max, the Monsters' Caretaker, and many friendly monsters with their amazing tricks of daring-do! Step right up and enjoy the thrills of Clarissa the Crested Cannon, the chills of Eustace the Uni-Browed, make friends with the Fiery Fang Worm, and much more. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages, and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 30.

Spring Dance

The Londonderry Lions will be having a Spring

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Dance on April 25, featuring Bobby and the Sharp-tones, from 7 - 11 p.m. For ticket purchases or info contact Jerry at (603) 434-5307 or your favorite lion.

Teen Talk

An after-school group

for teens ages 13-18 years old to talk, connect, relate and support each other on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. Drop-ins are welcome! For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 29

Teen Information for Parenting Success

This series is open up to age 23, on Wednesdays

from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry get in-school support, workshops, baby/ toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk, share and learn call 437-8477 ext. 12.

Exchange Students Program

Exchange students program of academic exchange "Pax" is currently

seeking families to host for the 2020-2021 school year. There are students coming in from over 60 different countries both male and female ages 15-18 the students come with good English skills own spending money/medical insurance. Families would provide a bed for the student to sleep in, place to study, share meals together occa-

sional rides to and from after school activities once the student make friends carpooling is wonderful. For more information on the program Contact linda_coffey@hotmail.com or go to pax.org.

Select This Year's Great Stone Face Award Winner

The New Hampshire

Great Stone Face Award nominees are books selected by librarians for children in grades 4-6. Beginning in Feb. and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, for every book read from the list of nominated titles, participants receive one raffle ticket. All the raffle tickets will be entered into a random drawing for a

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Monday - March 9

3:41 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Mallard Lane.

9:15 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Calla Road.

11:02 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Pear Tree Road, Haverhill, Mass. Katie Regan, 32, of Haverhill, Mass., charged with two counts of Theft from a Building; nine counts of Criminal Mischief (vandalism); six counts of Theft; and one

count of Criminal Trespass; and one count of Criminal Mischief.

2:41 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Londonderry High School.

6:01 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Happy Lane.

7:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Sparhawk Drive near Falcon Road.

10:42 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Fieldstone Drive near tennis courts.

Tuesday - March 10

6:50 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Buckingham Drive.

10:58 p.m. Suspicious activity on Pillsbury Road.

12:02 p.m. Services rendered for Disturbance at Londonderry High School.

1:24 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Shasta Drive.

2:25 p.m. Services rendered

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chance to win a great prize. Voting on your favorite book from the list starts on Monday, April 6 at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. The raffle is open to all participants in grades 4-6. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up a list of the nominated books and help us choose this year's winner.

Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for young adults ages 18-25. Learn how to manage the "overwhelming" in a healthy way for you. We offer workshops, and 1:1 support, groups. For an appointment, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 24.

Romping Reads

Open to participants of all ages. Each week, participants will have a romping good time with songs, interactive stories, and a game. Move and groove with friends old and new on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Meeting dates

are: March 25, April 1, and 8, May 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Toddler Time

Open to children ages 2 & 3. Children attend with their parents and enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs, and a simple craft. Meets on Thursdays, 9:30 - 10 a.m. Meeting dates are: March 19, and 26, April 2, and 9, May 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in New Hampshire meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Create a Craft

At the start of each week, the Leach library will provide supplies for a new, creative craft and place them in the box on the spotlight shelf for patrons to create. A new craft may be picked up each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 23, and 30, May 6, 13, 20, and 27 and will be

available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Child Find Program

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 - five years, 11 months (5.11) Of Age, who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find will be held at the Londonderry early education program (L.E.E.P.) Moose Hill School - 150 Pillsbury Rd., on April 2. We encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, Ext. 7223, between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen Without An Appointment. For children birth to 2.5 years old, please contact Beth Warner at The Moore Center 603-206-2732 or Lynne Thomas at Easter Seals 603.666.5982 Ext. 34. Both providers are connected with family centered early supports & services.

Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets

the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.'

Jouurney of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; through education, encouraging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-ofhopenh@gmail.com

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

Hosted by David Hunter

this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Rd., Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

TIPS

The Upper Room holds TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success) a Support Program for young parents up to age 23. Every Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m., at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk share and learn

Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card. If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers

meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Evolve!

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

Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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dered for Drug Offenses on Industrial Drive.

Wednesday - March 11

10:10 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

10:31 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Bockes Road at Mammoth Road.

1:44 p.m. Assault investigated at Londonderry High School.

2:17 p.m. Six officers assisted Londonderry Fire Dept with an Arrest on Pleasant Drive. Brianna Lamarche, 19, of Manchester Charged with Violation of a Protective Order.

3:37 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Holstein Avenue.

Thursday - March 12

6:05 a.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance on Owl Road.

10:58 a.m. Suspicious

Activity investigated on Jefferson Drive.

2:57 p.m. Services rendered by six officers for a Disturbance on Owl Road.

3:19 p.m. Services rendered for Fire on Old Derry Road.

6:55 p.m. Three officers perform an Involuntary Emergency Admission and transportation to hospital from Owl Road.

8:13 p.m. Burglary investigated on Pinyon Place.

Friday - March 13

12:03 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Londonderry High School.

3:16 p.m. Citation issued for Traffic Offenses on Orchard View Drive at Shaw's.

7:20 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Poplar Circle.

10:04 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Pinyon Place.

Saturday - March 14

1:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to Arrest on

Litchfield Road at Mammoth Road. Three officers assist in charging Ryan Tilly, 23, of Londonderry with Disobeying an Officer; Reckless Operation of a motor vehicle; and Speeding 16-20 miles per hour Over a Limit of 55 or Less.

2:26 p.m. Complaint investigated on Robin Hood Drive.

4 p.m. Disturbance at Seven-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road leads to Arrest by five officers. Brian Molinari, 62, of Salem charge Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Threatening with a Deadly Weapon.

7:10 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Sunset Drive.

7:50 p.m. Three officers assist with an Attempted Suicide and Transport to Hospital from Willow Lane.

9:08 p.m. Attempted Suicide Investigated by three officers on Ridgemont Drive.

Sunday - March 15

2:42 a.m. Services rendered for Fire on High Range Road.

9:50 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital from Loop Road.

10:23 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Rocco Drive.

11:52 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Yellowstone Drive.

12:14 p.m. Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to hospital from Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

1:13 p.m. Assisted Lon-

donderry Fire Department with transportation to hospital from Laurel Hill Drive.

3:05 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Granite Street.

3:50 p.m. Four officers assist with an arrest made for

Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive. Melissa Mertz, 30, of Londonderry charged with Resisting Arrest/Detention: Simple Assault; Willful Concealment (Theft); and Disorderly Conduct.

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