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## Painting Hope

Tom Abruzese at 27 Cross Rd., Londonderry, has done some paintings on the virus and placed them near his mailbox in hopes that it might help or offer comfort to those passing by. He has also stated that if anyone would like one he'd be happy to make it for free.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Zoning Board Denies Brewery's Breakfast Variance Request

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustments recently denied a variance request from the owners of Pipe Dream Brewing Company, located at 49 Harvey Road to allow the business to be categorized as a restaurant. Pipe Dream is located in an Industrial II district

where a restaurant categorization is currently prohibited.

The Londonderry brewery's request was made so the business could expand its hours of operation to include a morning breakfast service. The establishment already has a coffee house that opens at noon that serves coffee, espresso, lattes,

bagels amongst other things. Pipe Dream has been operating the business for approximately four years and had previously gone through approvals so they could operate with reduced food service support.

The operation's Manager, Kerry Bacheller, represented the brewery at the Zoning Board

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## School District Shortens Vacation, Extends Stay at Home Learning

MACK LEATHURBY  
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On Tuesday April 14, the Londonderry School Board met. Chairman, Michael Saucier, conducted a remote meeting, which was open for both the members and the public.

Saucier told the public, "There are three ways, the public will have access to this meeting - a YouTube link you can find on the agenda, local access on channel 21 or directly at the Londonderry school district office. To be clear if you click on the YouTube link it'll bring up our page then you can click on our live video to watch and listen."

The School board meeting recording can be also found on you tube at the following location. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQxLa2c\\_f9Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQxLa2c_f9Q)

Superintendent Scott Laliberte reported this week, "The Londonderry School Board voted to amend the school calendar in order to continue remote instruction for three days over the April Vacation week. The intent is to provide a greater degree of continuity of instruction for students, while still maintaining a break for students and their families. To that end, the school calendar will be amended to reflect Mon-

day, April 27 and Friday, May 1 as the April vacation time. Remote Learning will continue through Tuesday, April 28 until Thursday, April 30."

Laliberte continued, "In order to accommodate the addition of these three days of instruction in April, the end of the school year will be shortened by three school days. The new calendar will reflect the final day for students as Wednesday, June 10, and the final workday for staff as Thursday, June 11. We will provide an updated school calendar, as well as details on the end of

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## Fire Chief Gives Town Council COVID-19 Update

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night, April 20 meeting of the Londonderry Town Council, Londonderry Fire Chief Darren O'Brien gave the board an update on how the town has been doing in regard to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

With Town Hall still being closed, due to the Coronavirus State of Emergency, the meeting was held remotely, through the video conferencing app Zoom, and O'Brien brought the council up to speed towards the end of the meeting.

He told members that the department had just picked up a shipment on N95 masks surgical gowns and face shields. He added that he thought if everybody is ordering the appropriate amount, and not be over-zealous on the amount their asking for, there should be enough to get us through this.

When asked about how the department is dealing with overtime, the chief said that he had taken a proactive stance back on March 14. "I put two extra individuals at each sub-station. What that allowed me to do is to have a

three man engine company, along with a two man ambulance." O'Brien added, "When we have a response, the ambulance would arrive on scene, the medic would go in and access the situation in full PTE, and the summons the rest of the crew as needed."

O'Brien went on to  
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# Conservation Commission Okay's Stonehenge Water Project

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The Londonderry Conservation Commission (Cons Com) kicked off their Tuesday, April 14, meeting via remote access. The logistics for these meetings are aligned to Gov. Sununu's declared state of emergency in NH. Commission members and the public were able to access this meeting either via video or teleconferencing.

The Commission's meeting began with a project overview regarding a wetland permit application presented by Marissa Dibiaso, a civil engineer with Hoyle, Tanner and Associates Inc., regarding properties located on Stonehenge Road. Dibiaso provided an aerial photograph for the public and the members to see, as well as project plans that detail the specifics of their plan.

Dibiaso addressed the meeting, "We are here tonight on behalf of Elm Grove properties and we have a project where we are doing a new water main for Elm Grove and it will provide service for eight apartment buildings located nearby Stonehenge Road."

Dibiaso noted that

each of the Elm Grove buildings has six residential apartments. The water for the apartments is currently provided by private wells in the area. The wells, however, are aged and failing at this time and the owner is dealing with brown water issues and there are concerns about contaminants including radioactive minerals and bacteria.

The project intends to connect water from the new MacGregor Cut development that is under construction across the street. One of the buildings would be connected directly to the Penichuck booster station, and the water supply for all the buildings would be owned and operated by Penichuck Water Works.

One of the reasons for Dibiaso's presentation to the Commission is that there will be impact on wetlands located near where the water mains are to be deployed. NH DES (Department of Environmental Services) is involved with a study and permitting process for this project. The initial documentation from NH DES was provided for the commission to consider. The wetlands that

will be impacted are primarily run off swales located near the buildings themselves.

Members of the board reviewed the plans and there was a commission consensus of no objection for this water line and wetlands plan to continue. The commission's acceptance of the project will enable it to move through additional town processes for review and permitting. The Cons Com team led by Chairperson Marge Badois will also provide comments for this project directly to NH DES.

The Cons Com team noted to the public that

their meetings, as well as other Londonderry government, commission and board meetings that are open to the public will continue with remote access support until further notice.

Specifically, this means that the Governor has waived the requirements that a quorum of a town or city body be physically present at public meetings. However, each part of a public body meeting shall be audible or otherwise discernible to the public at the location specified in the meeting notice.

In accordance to the Governors directive, the

Londonderry Conservation Commission will continue meetings as follows. The public will have access to participate in the meeting by telephone. Access for meetings will be publicly posted on the Town's internet site. These posts will serve as the public notice necessary for accessing the public meetings.

The public may also provide public testimony via email, please email your testimony to [aki-zak@londonderrynh.org](mailto:aki-zak@londonderrynh.org). Public testimony will be read into the public record at meetings. Please see meeting agendas and other meeting notices for all updates and logistical information to join public meetings in the town of Londonderry.

## OBITUARY

**Samuel Hynes**



Medical Center in Derry. He was born in Cow Head, Newfoundland, Canada on May 13, 1962, a son of Frank and Eileen (Keough) Hynes. Samuel emigrated to NH in 1981 and was a resident of Londonderry since 1985.

Samuel was self employed in the lawncare and lawn maintenance field. He was a lifetime member of the Halcyon Club. He enjoyed feeding and watching his back yard birds, spending time with his cherished pit-bull Titan, watching his beloved New England Patriots and Montreal Canadians and especially his trips back to his hometown to visit with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Lisa (Matarozzo) Hynes of Londonderry; two daughters and two grandsons, Michele Oliver and her son Javan and Laura Hynes and her son Jordan Cooper, all of Londonderry. He is also survived by his mother, Eileen Hynes, and his four siblings, Pearl Fotheringham and her husband Jim, Harrison Hynes and his partner Madonna, Brenda Hynes and her husband Clan, and Dale Hynes and his partner Ursula, all of Cow Head. As well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his daughter, Tanya Carmella Hynes in 1982 and his father, Frank Hynes in 2015.

Following cremation, memorial services will be held in NH and Newfoundland at a later date and he will be laid to rest in Cow Head at that time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Environmental Defense Fund, EDF.org or to your local Special Olympics program. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

**Mitchell R. Robillard**



Mitchell R. Robillard, 58, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH. He was born in Springfield, MA on Feb. 7, 1962, a son of Ann (Presz) Robillard of Ludlow, MA and the late Maurice Robillard.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lisa (Davis) Robillard of Londonderry; two sons, Andrew S. Robillard of Luxembourg City, Luxembourg and Nathaniel J. Robillard of Londonderry; sister, Sheryl Schiavo of Townsend, MA; brothers-in-law Phillip Schiavo of Townsend, MA, Keith Davis of Lucasville, OH, and Bruce Davis of Toledo, OH; niece Janna Schiavo and nephew Christopher Schiavo, both of Townsend, MA; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mitch had a long successful career as an electrical and computer engineer serving in the U.S. Government Defense industry, and most recently worked for Draper in Cambridge, MA. He loved retreating on weekends to his lake cottage, spending afternoons working in the yard, boating, fishing, and relaxing with dear friends. He was an avid traveler and enjoyed going to new places around the world, especially with his family.

Services will be held privately. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 417005 Boston, MA 02241-7005. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



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# ZBA

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meeting on, Wednesday, April 15. The meeting was held via remote video conferencing that was also available to the public via cable and internet TV access. Bacheller, her husband John, daughter Tori and Jon Young are joint owners of this local brewpub.

Bacheller told the Zoning Board that the owners want to further

grow their business. "This variance could help us grow, and could draw more customers to the area. And that would benefit neighboring businesses."

Bacheller told the ZBA that other businesses nearby include Stonyfield and the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, as well as other small businesses located around the neighborhood.

Pipe Dream is an especially unique establishment in Londonderry with its surfer-style

atmosphere that transports their customers into another era. The atmosphere rocks with live reggae music vibes, and other distinctive activities and events. The establishment has set up video and board games. In warmer times, outdoor events highlighting corn hole tournaments and barbecues are part of the ambience. The brewery caters to families, those who like rock oriented music along with craft beer aficionados.

Bacheller said the owners were not planning to use the variance request to turn Pipe Dream into a typical restaurant operation.

The variance request was just to allow open morning hours for serving breakfast and a variety of coffee offerings that are already on the menu. Co-owner Bacheller told the ZBA that when the brewery opened, they put a lot of money into the space. They did an extensive update supporting ADA (disability)-compliant restrooms, a sprinkler system and certain other infrastructure type improvements. Bacheller said that the owners are not intending to move to a new location, "We are very happy with our current location and have invested a substantial

amount of money in it."

The problem however was that certain neighbors did not welcome Pipe Dream adding breakfast hours. Letters had been sent to the ZBA that voiced opposition from neighbors to Pipe Dream's plans. Abutters expressed concerns for the neighborhood, including additional traffic problems, not enough parking space, and more.

Nearby residents Richard and Carolyn Innis were not happy with Pipe Dream Brewing saying there was already lots of noise and difficult parking issues when the brewery is crowded.

Other abutters ex-

pressed similar issues for granting the variance. Some neighbors were concerned that Pipe Dream operations were already lessening the property value of area homes.

Bacheller told the ZBA that expanding the morning hours for breakfast and coffee would not change current operational closing times. "We've done what we could with offsite parking, and we are doing everything we can to ask customers to park where they are supposed to."

In the end the variance was not granted as the ZBA cited concerns about traffic issues and public safety.

## OBITUARY

### Helen Agnes (Daly) Simpson Hart



Helen Agnes (Daly) Simpson Hart, 97, passed away peacefully at Mt Carmel Nursing Home in Manchester, NH on April 18, 2020. Helen was born in Newton, MA in 1922. Raised in Roslindale, MA, she graduated with honors from Roslindale High School in 1940.

Her best friend from high school had a cousin returning from overseas duty in 1944 and invited Helen to a 'Welcome Home' party. It was there that she met her future husband.

Widowed at an early age, she ran for the position of Town Clerk in Plaistow, NH, and won, a position she held successfully, for thirty years.

She was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. Although she had to wait eighty two years, her beloved Red Sox finally won the World Series in her lifetime in 2004. She was a communicant of St Jude Parish in Londonderry, NH.

She was predeceased by her first husband, John A Simpson, her second husband, David C Hart, her daughter Elaine M (Simpson) Coddington, her son-in-law David W Coddington and son John W Simpson.

She is survived by her three sons, Thomas E R Simpson and wife Joanne of Hampstead, NH, Robert E Simpson and wife Carol, of Londonderry, NH and Stephen A Simpson, of St Augustine, FL, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a memorial funeral Mass will be held at a later date at St Jude Parish in Londonderry, NH. Burial will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of the Peabody Funeral Home, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Donations may be made to the ALS Association, 1275 K Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005.

## Fire Chief

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say, "He also told the board that this protocol is changing on almost a daily basis.

I'm proud to say that, right now, we have had no individuals quarantined from the fire department. Job related. We've had a couple that have been exposed on the outside that have had to self-quarantine, but as of right now we are trying our hardest to put all the policies in place and get the best PTE and the best information we possibly can in order to get these guys through this and not be exposed."

He also told the council that FEMA would be reimbursing the depart-

ment for all COVID-19 calls, while adding, "Well I can honestly say that every call that we are going on now is a COVID-19 call, because we do not know."

In reference to the community, O'Brien said, although things have fluctuated over the last three weeks, our numbers this week have gone down.

He also reminded residents to avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing. "If you look at the state of New Hampshire's number compared to the other New England states, we are doing very well for a reason," he said.

When asked how many residents have contacted the department to tell them their household has been infected, he responded only two have

contacted him.

O'Brien said that the list he is being provided with from the state on those who are infected is very slow. They don't get the list until about nine days after someone is diagnosed.

He reminded those residents who are under quarantine, to please let the department know through a phone call or to go on the fire department's website and fill

out the form.

He also assured the council that that the town is sufficiently covered in case simultaneous emergency calls come in.

I regard to large gatherings at "Pop-Up Parties," where people are gathering in empty parking lots with their vehicles, he said as long as people are staying six-feet apart, he has no problem with it.

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# Editorial

## Earth Day Every Day

April 22 is Earth Day, the annual event when we're reminded to think about where we live. Not our town or even our country, but the environment of the entire planet Earth.

Outdoor celebrations are currently on hold, which is a message we should all be taking to heart by now. Earth Day is celebrating its 50th Anniversary after its start in 1970. The main message of the celebration is that caring for the only home we have is not something we can do just one day of the year.

Hopefully, we have all incorporated earth-saving measures into our daily lives. Preserving our environment has taken on more emphasis lately as global climate change continues to make headlines. Like most things, change really does begin at home.

Much of that change involves simple things. All of us can do a few such as; When you shop bring along cloth or paper bags rather than using plastic bags to cart home your groceries, (if you do use plastic repurpose them) (Unfortunately we are not able to practice this one during the Covid-19 pandemic), When your meals are done, recycle and compost to minimize the trash going into landfills, Instead of buying water in plastic bottles, use your tap water, filtered if you choose, and take it with you in a non-plastic container. You'll keep the chemicals in

the plastic from building up in our landfills and in your bodies and you'll also save money.

Plant a garden, and consider raising it organically. Not only will you have fresh food, you're more likely to eat in a more healthy way. If a garden is not possible because of time or living arrangements, shop at farmers' markets. Food sold close to where it's grown, in season, usually means fewer chemicals are used in processing, and less fuel is used to get it to you.

Our towns had town-wide cleanup days scheduled, but since we are all staying home we can at least make an effort to do the roadside cleanups in front of our own home. Spend a little time picking up litter and keeping our roadsides tidy. Our towns will be prettier places if we make this small effort.

We can all do our part, whether it's by using energy saving light bulbs, reducing air conditioner use in summer, getting all your errands done in one trip to save gas, and driving the speed limit for fuel efficiency. Making these small changes will do far more than attending a rally on Earth Day.

Earth Day celebrations are reminders and many of the things I mentioned should already be a part of our daily lives. We cannot depend on the government or others to do it for us. "Lead by example".

# Letters

## Thank You New Hampshire Educators

To the editor,

Thank you for your continued great work on behalf of our New Hampshire students. Our state has won universal praise for our shift to remote instruction, and I could not be prouder of the way in which New Hampshire educators, parents, and students adapted to a new way of learning.

As you know, Gov. Sununu just announced that we will be continuing with remote instruction through the end of the academic year. When we began the shift to remote instruction in

March, we knew this would be a difficult task. It turns out this is a marathon, not a sprint. Now that we know we will not be moving back into school buildings this year, it is vital that we run through the finish line.

Knowing they won't be back in the school building, it will be tempting for some students to think that their summer vacation has started. It's important that we keep them engaged in their learning. School is still in session.

Because of the tremendous work you've already done in response to this unprecedented disrup-

tion, I know you are up to the challenge. This public health crisis will pass, and we will get through it together, knowing that New Hampshire educators stepped up for New Hampshire students.

Thank you again for your dedication, past and future. Remember, remote instruction plus remote support equals remote learning for our New Hampshire students.

Keep up the great work. Our kids are counting on you.

#nhlearnsremotely  
Sincerely,  
Frank Edelblut  
Commissioner of Education

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## Londonderry Boy Scout Troop 109 Collects Goods for First Responders

The Londonderry Boy Scout Troop 109 needs residents help with collecting goods for the community's frontline heroes.

They are requesting materials for Care Packages being made up for local First Responders.

The following items are needed:

- Hand written notes & messages.
- Hand lotion (non-scented)
- Snacks (chips, cookies, crackers, granola bars, etc.)
- Gum, Mints, Snack-sized Candy, Protein

Bars

- \$5 Dunkin Donuts gift cards
- Hair ties, headbands, bobby pins
- Travel-size Dry shampoo, Chap stick
- Individual hand sanitizer
- Cans of soda water, soda, bottled water, etc.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):
- Disposable facemasks
- N95 masks, sometimes called respirators
- Eye protection, including face shields and safety goggles
- Disposable gowns
- Disposable gloves,

especially non-latex

- Disposable surgical caps
- Disposable foot covers
- Wipes, bleach or antimicrobial
- Hand sanitizer
- Hand Sewn Masks

Items can be dropped off at 83 Winterwood Drive, Londonderry. There will be a container for them on the porch.

The Boy Scout Troop will be collecting until the end of June.

Contact [outdoorme@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorme@yahoo.com) with questions.

**Correction:** In last week's page one story "Planning Board Meeting Delayed Due to Hacking Concerns" the new date for the scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, was incorrectly stated as April 22. That date for that meeting is actually Wednesday, May 6.



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# Sonshine Kitchen is Ready for Pick-Ups



After three weeks of being shut down due to the COVID-19 the Sonshine Soup Kitchen is up and running again serving dinners. On Tuesday April 21, a group of volunteers and board members prepared dinner for the drive through. The Kitchen is open Tues. and Thurs. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. .

*Photo by Chris Paul*



## Londonderry Investigate Four Car Crash on Route 102

On Monday April 20, 2020 at about 7:15 am, officers from the Londonderry PD responded to Rte 102 near Action Blvd (Exit 4 area of I-93) for a reported multi-vehicle traffic crash with injury and possible entrapment. After officers arrived, on scene, they shut down Rte 102 to allow firefighters and paramedics from the Londonderry and Derry Fire Departments to perform their emergency operations and render medical care to the involved drivers.

After interviewing witnesses and reviewing

available surveillance footage from area businesses, officers identified the driver of a grey 2016 Ford Focus as the apparent cause of this crash. Daniel Montminy, age 20 of Nashua, NH, was allegedly driving west on Rte 102 coming from the Derry area when he appeared to accelerate into oncoming traffic travelling east bound in the area of the Nashua Road Shell located at 12 Nashua Road (aka Rte 102). The Ford Focus struck three other vehicles before coming to a stop and miraculously, none of

the other involved drivers reported any injuries.

The sole passenger in his vehicle, Hannah Denoncourt age 20 of Merrimack, NH, suffered serious injuries and was transported to a local hospital. She is also the registered owner of the grey 2016 Ford Focus. Montminy was med-flighted to a Boston area hospital with life threatening injuries.

This crash is still under investigation and no charges have yet been filed. If you have any further



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# Taking Care Of Those Most Vulnerable In Uncertain Times

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

COVID-19 has been running rampant in the United States over the past couple of weeks. According to data available at the beginning of the week of April 5, 2020, there are currently over 330,000 recorded cases in the United States, and 715 individuals have tested positive in the state of New Hampshire.

While the majority of these cases seem to be presented in the older population, all demographics need to be careful and take precautions against catching COVID-19.

But there are is one group of the population that needs the rest to take extra care in not getting sick - the immuno-compromised.

April is National Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month, a time dedicated to spreading awareness of Primary Immunodeficiency diseases (PI). During the time of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important now than ever to keep the immune-suppressed in mind.

According to the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF), PI "are a group of more than 400 rare, chronic disorders in which part of the body's immune system is missing or functions improperly."

These diseases are not contagious, says the

IDF, and are often caused by hereditary or genetic defects.

Since the immune system protects against infection, people living with PI commonly have an increased risk of infection, and therefore live their lives enduring recurrent health problems, often developing serious and debilitating illnesses.

Many people with PI require frequent treatment from their physicians, including subcutaneous and intravenous infusions. However, due to the severity of COVID-19, many offices are severely limiting their appointment books, going so far as to cancel or reschedule some routine visits.

Visiting a medical clinic can be a risk in general for those with PI, but during this pandemic, the undertaking can be especially threatening to the health of these individuals.

Because people with PI are so vulnerable and may now be subject to limitations in their health-care, there are actions that healthy people should take to help protect these individuals, and that they themselves can take if they need to venture out of the safety of their homes.

The number one and most effective measure that will protect the immune-suppressed and healthy alike from the spread of COVID-19 is to stay at home, says the Centers for Disease Con-

trol (CDC). Even at home, individuals should also wash their hands often, for at least twenty seconds at a time, with hot water and plenty of soap.

Should it become absolutely necessary to leave the safety of the home, people should be diligent in keeping space between themselves and others, at least 6 feet or two arm lengths.

The CDC encourages the practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette by doing so into a tissue and then immediately discarding it. If a tissue is unavailable, cough or sneeze into the upper sleeve, facing away from any bystanders.

Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly and frequently, as the virus can also be spread through contact with contaminated surfaces. Should the need arise to go to the grocery store, try to remember to bring a hand sanitizing spray or pack of wipes to clean down frequently touched surfaces, such as grocery carts or basket handles.

Items brought into the home from the outside such as groceries should be wiped down or cleaned as thoroughly as possible before being put away, and hands should be washed after handling items.

The CDC has recent-

ly recommended that anyone leaving the house should wear a cloth face-covering. These coverings should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction, and be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to the shape. For more information on face coverings and how to make a CDC-approved mask from home, visit [cdc.org](https://www.cdc.gov) and search, "Face Covers."

Avoid touching the face, especially if the need arises to leave the house. Try to relieve any itching of the face with a sleeve, and work to identify triggers that illicit a face-touch response such as stress or irritation and work to correct these behaviors. Be sure to wash or sanitize hands in between handling anything that may be contaminated to avoid the potential of spread should accidental hand-face contact be made.

Anyone exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, should avoid leaving their home at all costs to avoid spreading sickness to those at risk. Anyone experiencing symptoms should contact their physician, or call the NH COVID-19 concern hotline by dialing 2-1-1.

Many, if not all of the

protective measures protect those who need it most.

For more information on PI and COVID-19, visit [primaryimmune.org/coronavirus](https://www.primaryimmune.org/coronavirus), or call the IDF at (800) 296-4433.

## OBITUARY

Charles "David Hanna



Charles "Chuck" David Hanna, 89, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Friday, April 17, 2020, in the Residence at Salem Woods in Salem, NH. He was born in Brunswick, MO on Oct. 9, 1930, a son of the late Roy and Martha (Hartman) Hanna. Chuck as

he was known, had a distinguished military career spanning for over 21 years, including 18 months in the US Army and later retiring from the US Air Force in 1969 after 18.5 years of service. He also worked as a computer programmer analyst from 1969 until he retired from Raytheon in 1992. Chuck was a longtime active member of the Lion's Club in Londonderry and served as its President in the early years of the club. Because of his many years of service, Chuck was awarded a lifetime membership in the Lions. He was also active with the Boy Scouts and served as a Scoutmaster for Troop 426. Chuck was always active and would volunteer to lend a hand to anyone who needed help. He will be remembered by many for his wonderful sense of humor and interesting stories about his travels and experiences. He loved animals, especially dogs, which the family had many of over the years.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Flanagan of Londonderry, his son and daughter in law, Sean Hanna and Teresa Pionessa of Frisco, TX and their three children Natalie, Angelena and Matthew, his step-son, Paul Boutin of Newfane, VT, one brother, Perry "Pete" Hanna of Benton Harbor, MI and one sister, Nelda Pearson of Prescott, AZ, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary Hanna in 1987 and his second wife Joanne Hanna in 2007. Chuck was also predeceased by his sisters Margaret Anne Hanaway, Helen Gillies and Betty Jo Scherhoff, as well as his son in law Michael Flanagan.

There are no calling hours. Private graveside services will be held at the Glenwood Cemetery in Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to the Londonderry Lions Club. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry are handling the arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](https://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



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the year, when we have received an update on the status of health requirements from Public Health officials, and adjusted our plans accordingly. We will continue to follow their

guidelines in order to protect the health of all members of our community.”

During this open school board meeting, Laliberte said that the administration and principals agreed that school vacation should be kept on the calendar, but that they had heard from many district

parents who favored changes for vacation week.

Board member Jenn Ganem discussed ways to “meet in the middle” and the eventually voted to support a schedule with 2 days of vacation

for that week. This passed by a 3 to 2 vote. Board members voting for this included Steve Young and Bob Slater. Those wanting to keep vacation week intact were Mike Saucier and Amy Finamore.

School vacation week is very different this year. For some parents, this is a problem as some students were going to use this time to either take a real break or to help students catch up where they may have fallen short with remote learning. Parents are seeing that students are not getting as much interactive support to help move their education forward. Remote learning is useful for kids that are already self-disciplined, but for students who need more personal attention, not so much.

During the remote conference meeting, some district parents were emailing and texting board members telling the members they wanted to keep school vacation intact.

At the meeting board member Steve Young said, “We all have to be very realistic. Kids may not be going back to school this year. I’m hearing from parents to just push through and get it done.”

The day after the

school board meeting, NH Gov. Sununu announced an Emergency Order mandating that Remote Instruction has been extended through the end of the school year.

The Superintendent pointed out, “While this is something that we have anticipated, it is still a significant development relative to the operation of the School District. The Superintendent told parents to monitor the situation, “Further communications will be coming relative to the ways in which this will impact our remote learning efforts, as well as the manner in which we will conclude our school year. We will do whatever we can to address both the learning needs and the health and well being of our students given these historic challenges.”

The vacation schedule now will include three days for continued remote learning for students, and then two vacation days for teachers to use as much-needed preparation time especially in light of remote learning being extended for the remainder of the school year.

Superintendent Laliberte pointed out, “There is no blueprint for this. We try to prepare and take care of our students first and foremost.”

## OBITUARY

### Raymond E. Brooks

After a long illness Raymond E. Brooks, 64, of Londonderry, NH was called home to heaven on April 16, 2020. He died peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He was a spiritual, kind and loving man who would help anyone in need. His strong faith was an inspiration to all that knew him. He was born and raised in Newburyport, MA. He loved pugs and had many life-long friends. He had a love for classical music, and played the clarinet throughout his educational career. He was a graduate of The Governor Academy (formerly Governor Dummer Academy) and attended college in Wooster, OH. He worked many years at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, MA and Farnum Center in Manchester, NH. Raymond was a friend of Bill W and helped many people in recovery. He was a respected and active member of the church community. He was on the AIDS committee of New Hampshire, along with paving the way for the LGBTQ community of today. Ray left a remarkably legacy on the world and everyone that was blessed to have known him.

He is survived by his partner of 31 years, Stephen Stanley, and dog KiKi; his sister, Cynthia Brooks Barbagallo; his loving niece, Jamie Brooks Barbagallo and her fiancé Paul Vennoch, Jr.; his stepmother, Joan Brooks; his stepbrother, Garrett Poulin; his stepbrother, Aaron Poulin and his wife Pam and their children. Raymond was predeceased by his nephew, Benjamin Brooks Barbagallo; his mother, Eleanore Brooks and father, Raymond F. Brooks, Jr.

Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Raymond’s memory may be made to the Matthew Shepard Foundation, 800 18th St., Suite 301, Denver, CO 80202, or [www.matthewshepard.org](http://www.matthewshepard.org). The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



## OBITUARY

### John Randall Colby

John Randall Colby, 65, of Gilford, passed away peacefully Friday, April 10, 2020 surrounded by family in Bristol, NH. Born on April 26, 1954, in Braintree, MA, he was the son of the late Solon and Eleanor Colby. John attended Groton, MA school systems, graduating Class of 1972. For a number of years, John worked for Wang Laboratories and Fedex Ground. Most recently, he was employed at Howard Precision Incorporated, Gilford, NH.

A beloved father, brother, uncle, and friend, John’s family was paramount in his life. John cherished time spent with dear friends and family, especially his son, Michael, and new daughter-in-law, Heather. During Michael’s childhood, John loved to watch him play basketball. An avid outdoorsman, John enjoyed boating on Lake Winnepesaukee, kayaking and biking around NH and hiking Lockes Hill in Gilford. In his spare time, John admired specialty cars and boats. John will be best remembered for his kind heart and love of family.

John is survived by his son, Michael Colby and wife Heather Colby of Londonderry, NH; five sisters, Claudia Lancaster and late husband Jeff of TX, Debbie Mitchell and husband Gerry of NH, Linda Camp and husband Steve of GA, Kathleen Goguen and husband John of NY, Marsha Sproul and husband George of NH, and brother, Robert Colby and wife Becky of NJ; 21 nieces and nephews, over 30 great nieces and nephews, and extended family and friends.

Services will be announced when it is safe for family and friends to gather together to celebrate John’s life. Assisting the family with arrangements is the Cremation Society of New Hampshire, Manchester. To view John’s Online Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, visit [www.csnh.com](http://www.csnh.com).

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# “Stonedust” Artist Corrine Dodge is On a Road Not Taken

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Given these challenging times, it is good to turn a light on contributors in our community who bring us smiles and connect us to the arts. Corrine Dodge, of Derry, also supports exhibitions in Londonderry, is one such artist. Dodge works in a variety of paint and graphic mediums. Her primary media focus is with Pen and Ink, Watercolor, Graphite, Acrylics, and Colored Pencil.

Her genre subject matter is also quite varied - beach rocks, trees, and water are favorites for her. Other subjects for this artist include landscapes, portraits, and occasionally, abstract works.

Dodge has received numerous awards from the Greater Derry Arts Council, Manchester Art in the Park Fine Arts Festival, NH Division of Parks and Recreation, Londonderry Art on the Common, and Monadnock Area Artists Association.

Dodge has embraced Derry's famous Poet Robert Frost and is participating in a special fine art touring exhibit that was inspired by the poetry of Robert Frost. The exhibition is named after Frost's poem -

“The Road Not Taken.”

Dodge is one of three Derry N.H. artists, along with Ingeborg V. Seaboyer and Judy Krassowski who are involved with the “The Road Not Taken” showcase. This exhibit has been making the rounds at libraries, community venues, and nature centers throughout the state of New Hampshire for the past three and one-half years. The presentation features approximately 28 works that reflect a variety of personal interpretations of the most famous, as well as some of the “less traveled” works of one of America's most inspiring poets who made a name for himself in Derry; Robert Frost.

Images in pen and ink, watercolor, acrylics and oils are accompanied by the selected verse which inspired each individual image. Originally the exhibit was created to support the grand re-opening of the Public Library in Derry, in September 2011.

Since that time, the exhibit has been continuously touring. Additional scheduling is still underway to present “The Road Not Taken” exhibition - with a goal of reaching all of the public libraries in the state. For more informa-

tion check out this online link: [www.poetic-froststart.com](http://www.poetic-froststart.com)

A few years back, Dodge was a feature artist at the Beaver Brook Fall Festival of Art in Hollis, NH, where she first publically demonstrated her unique “stonedust color” technique. Dodge has discovered how to extract color from stones to create her own watercolor paint. The resulting watercolor media are then used to create paintings of multi-colored stones and rocks. Children who came to that festival were invited to work with Corinne to create a “stonedust” painting of their own. Those creations were auctioned off at a subsequent festival to benefit the children's education program at Beaver Brook.

The technique for her “Stonedust” color painting is quite interesting. Stones are dipped in water and then rubbed onto a larger flat stone which becomes the artist's pallet. The resulting watercolor paints are then used to create paintings of multi-colored stones and rocks.

Dodge says, “I have recently experimented with grinding mica from granite to add a soft sparkle to paintings. I



Artist Carrine Dodge displays her 'found gift of the Earth - Stonedust Art'

have found that adults in general are curious about this creative process, but children are absolutely fascinated.”

Dodge told us, “Because teaching children has been my life's work, I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing this creative process with children. Children are often very unfamiliar with the creative concept of making a useful item with the ‘found gifts of the Earth’ rather than going to a store to purchase the item. Creating watercolor from a found stone to

paint a picture is an interesting and exciting experience for many children.

Outdoor excursions to collect just the right stone for a painting also provides children with a new respect for the natural environment.”

Dodge is a retired teacher, having taught children with multiple and severe disabilities since 1970. She worked in the Derry School District and in 1992, while teaching in Derry, she participated in the 7th grade art curriculum along with her students. It was then that she first

discovered her interest and abilities in drawing.

She later took art courses at the N.H. Institute of Arts and Sciences, E. W. Poore, and the College for Lifelong Learning. She worked for a number of years under the mentorship of Pamela Kennedy, a well established Pen and Ink artist now residing and working on the West Coast.

Corrine Dodge can be reached [corinnedodge@hotmail.com](mailto:corinnedodge@hotmail.com). Her work and scheduling for “The Road Not Taken” can be seen online at [corinne.dodgefineart.com](http://corinne.dodgefineart.com).

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Londonderry Wrestler Honored at Trinity College

Hartford, Conn. Connecticut's Trinity College that wrestling sophomore Kevin Lyskawa, of Londonderry, and first-year students Isaiah Bailey (Westerly, R.I.) and Nico Patch (Oswego, Ill.) were named as both 2019-20 New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) All-Academic Honorees and National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division III Scholar All-Americans, while Lyskawa and sophomore Finnegan McGovern (Wilton, Conn.) graced the 2020 New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Winter All-Academic Team. In addition, the Bantam squad was recognized as a NEWA Team GPA Award recipient thanks to their 3.46 team g.p.a. among its ten starters. The Bantams, led by Head Coach Sebastian Amato (20th season), finished the dual-meet schedule with a 3-16 record and posted three top-ten finishes at tournaments this winter. The Bantams also placed 13th in the Headlock for

Hunger New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) Duals Championship Tournament and closed the year with a 15th-place finish in the NCAA Division III Northeast Regional Championships.

Lyskawa led Trinity in wins with 30 against just 11 losses, including a 16-4 mark in dual matches, wrestling almost exclusively at 157 pounds this winter. He was also second on the team with 11 wins by fall, and placed fifth in his weight class in the NCAA Division III Northeast Regional Championships to close the year. Lyskawa also went 4-0 in the NEWA Duals Championship Tournament, representing the Bantams on the NEWA All-Tournament team, finished second in the Doug Parker Invitational at Springfield, and third at the RIT Invitational. He was a member of the NEWA All-Rookie Team and received NEWA All-Academic recognition in 2018-19. A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Lyskawa also plays lacrosse for the Ban-

tams. He is majoring in neurobiochemistry at Trinity and is the son of Patricia Cady and Bruce Lyskawa.

Bailey, who missed his first season of wrestling due to an injury, led the Bantams in winning percentage this winter with a 19-6 record, and was 12-3 in dual matches predominantly at 174 pounds. He also tied for third on the team with nine wins by fall, finished third in the

Waynesburg Invitational, and went 2-2 in the NCAA Division III Northeast Regional Championships to close the year. A graduate of Tabor Academy in Massachusetts, Bailey is majoring in philosophy at Trinity. He is the son of Beth and Matthew Bailey.

Patch was second on the Bantams in wins with 23 against just 11 losses, including a 9-6 record in duals competition in 2019-20. He won eight times by pin and finished third in the Waynesburg Invitational.

A graduate of Oswego East High School, Patch is major-

ing in public policy and law at Trinity. McGovern posted a 4-14 record at 133 and 141 pounds and went 1-2

with his lone pin of the season in the NCAA Division III Northeast Regional Championships to

close the year. A graduate of Wilton High School, he is the son of Christine and Brian McGovern.



## Division I Tennis Signing

Longtime Londonderry resident Amelia Brenner who is senior attending New Hampton Prep School has committed to Sacred Heart University in Fairfield Connecticut for Division I Tennis in the fall. While attending the school Amelia will be studying Engineering.

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**S**taying at home and reducing contact with others is a top priority for protecting public health during this pandemic, but that doesn't mean we can't do our part to protect our environment, especially during as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, April 22. Daily routines and habits have been upended during this time, and some things - like bringing your reusable bags to the grocery store - have been put on hold. Here are some things you can do to stay environmentally friendly throughout social distancing:

- DIY face masks: Make face masks out of old fabric, T-shirts or bandanas. The Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides sew and no-sew tutorials [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html) on how to make your own mask at home.

- Roadside cleanups: Plan a socially distant roadside clean-up in your neighborhood. Make sure to check with their local transfer station to see if they are accepting roadside clean-up waste. Many towns have set aside April 25 as the day to do clean-ups. Some musts:

- Gloves (both latex and work).
- Grabbers are great if you have them.
- Wear closed-toe shoes.
- Keep social distancing if you are cleaning up "with" neighbors.

- Be mindful of things that "don't look right" - bottles that are misshapen/hissing.

- Have adults supervise.

- Know what's flushable: Don't flush anything but the three P's: pee, poop and [toilet] paper. Flushing paper towels, wipes (even "flushable" wipes), tissues or feminine hygiene products can lead to serious septic system or wastewater treatment problems. Learn more about what's flushable; [www.getpumpednh.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/whats-flushable.pdf](http://www.getpumpednh.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/whats-flushable.pdf) and what isn't, and check out some more tips on how to be septic smart at home; [www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/greenworks/documents/201909-greenworks.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/greenworks/documents/201909-greenworks.pdf).

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- Reduce food waste: Waste less food by using what's already in your fridge or pantry. Several websites and smart phone apps make it easy to find recipes based on what ingredients you have at home.

- Does it spark joy? Get a head start on spring cleaning! If possible, recycle or donate items, or set items aside to donate when stores reopen. [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0262-stopping-unsolicited-mail-phone-calls-and-email](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0262-stopping-unsolicited-mail-phone-calls-and-email)

- Reduce your appliance reliance: Conserve water and protect your septic system by only washing clothes and running the dishwasher when you have full loads. Be mindful of

large water uses, and stagger the use of water-generating appliances, such as washing machines, showers and dishwashers.

- Paper over plastic: With reusable grocery bags temporarily not being accepted at stores, either request paper or make sure to save the plastic bags to be recycled at stores or transfer stations where that service is available.

- Scoop the poop: If you take walks during the day, be sure to follow appropriate social distancing guidelines and don't forget to pick up your pet's waste. Pet waste that gets into water runoff can lead to potentially toxic algae outbreaks that can harm marine life, humans and other animals. Here are some more tips on how

to make sure your furry friends are environmentally friendly; [www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/greenworks/documents/202002-greenworks.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/greenworks/documents/202002-greenworks.pdf).

- Burn wood: Remember, it is illegal to burn trash or treated wood in New Hampshire, in open fires as well as in fireplaces, woodstoves, chimineas, burn barrels and the like. View this NHDES fact sheet; [www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/co/documents/co-20.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/co/documents/co-20.pdf) to learn more about open burning. Local or state fire permits may be required. Check with your local fire department or look to the state's Online Permitting System [www.nhdfweb.sovsport-snet.net/](http://www.nhdfweb.sovsport-snet.net/).

## NH DCYF Solicits Proposals to Expand Services for At-Risk Families

**T**he New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to expand its system of community-based voluntary services for at-risk children and families.

The RFP seeks to build upon the success of DCYF's existing system of community-based services in order to promote safe, stable and nurturing families and communities. Supported by Governor

Sununu and the legislature in the most recent budget, the new service array will advance DCYF's efforts to support children and youth and strengthen families before abuse or neglect occurs.

"We want to offer services that span across our entire child- and family-serving system to support children, youth and families in a preventive, proactive and holistic way, so that they can be healthy and strong without our intervention," said DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam. "We have seen the

stress that the COVID-19 emergency has placed on families, and we anticipate an increased demand for services once we are past the crisis point. It will be as important as ever to make sure our families have the tools they need to be successful, and we look forward to working with our community partners to strengthen our services so that all New Hampshire families can thrive."

In October of 2019, DCYF sought input from stakeholders across the child- and family-serving system, including serv-

ices providers, youth, parents and relatives, foster parents, advocacy groups, mental health providers and other nontraditional stakeholders. Feedback from 38 respondents informed the RFP, which includes features such as authentic family engagement, flexibility of services, performance improvement, and adequate funding for service delivery.

Responses to the RFP are due by June 4, 2020. In order to follow guidelines for social distancing issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, DHHS has taken measures to protect the health and safety of respondents. A virtual vendor conference will be held by video and phone via Zoom on May 7, 2020 to answer questions. Respondents

must RSVP by midnight on May 5. Potential respondents may register for the conference by visiting [www.eventbrite.com/e/nh-dhhsdcyf-vendors-conference-for-community-based-voluntary-services-rfp-registration-102804713666](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/nh-dhhsdcyf-vendors-conference-for-community-based-voluntary-services-rfp-registration-102804713666). To read the RFP, please visit [www.dhhs.nh.gov/business/rfp/rfp-2021-dcyf-03-commu.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/business/rfp/rfp-2021-dcyf-03-commu.htm).



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# Connecting Multi-Denominational Faith and Compassion

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The coronavirus has disrupted regular meetings and services for faith communities. Due to social distancing it is not safe for people to gather in groups to pray, worship or share meals.

April was a time for many religions to celebrate important holidays of the year including Easter, Passover, Ramadan and more. However, this year will be remembered as a time where people were not able to attend services in person. How-

ever, churches in our communities have been connecting with their groups and families over the internet and via video or teleconferencing.

We spoke with Rabbi Peter Levy from Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry who told us that he has seen an uptick of people seeking religious compassion and community connection during this challenging period. The Rabbi said, "Our synagogue is using the zoom platform for services, meetings, and even Hebrew school. And we are finding that service

attendance has actually been slightly higher than when we were doing services in person. But I am not sure if it is the novelty or the ease of attending. Time will tell. People are saying that they are grateful to have the connection to fellow congregants. But many also look forward to gathering together, at some point, under one roof again."

Synagogue services are occurring at there regularly scheduled times. People should check out the website, etzhayim.org, to see all

that is happening at this synagogue. Rabbi Levy says, "In addition to our regular religious programming and services, we also have a Hot Topics series that we are continuing to run."

Rabbi Levy also told us, "We are all in this together and maybe this pandemic will bring more of us together with compassion and also help us overcome some of the divisiveness that seems pervasive across many groups today." The Rabbi was pleased to tell us that his Synagogue continues to be involved with con-

sistent "multi-denominational" meetings. In fact, the Etz Hayim Synagogue shares also an interfaith campus with the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.

Rabbi Levy said, "Our long-standing relationship with the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, next door, is still strong and thriving. We are continuing to run our Talmud study and Bible study together on Tuesday mornings. This is a long-standing study program that facilitates learning about and understanding of each other's faiths. We have actually had, just like services, a few new people taking advantage of the ease of joining to participate."

If you go to this synagogues website you will find that certain Church of the Transfiguration meetings are also on the synagogue's calendar: [www.etzhayim.org/home](http://www.etzhayim.org/home)

The Rabbi pointed out, "I think we are all very busy trying to man-

age our own congregants. Now that we seem to be settling into some type of routine, I think it be time for more interfaith communication."

We spoke with Susan Noran over the past week who told us that her Mom, who lives in Londonderry, was able to celebrate Easter services at St Peters Episcopal Church via remote video internet services. Noran said, "This was really important for my mom, and it's really powerful to see this happen in these times. That my Mom could hear the Easter music was a blessing for our family."

Rabbi Levy wants to leave everyone with a message for people to consider for these times. He says, "These times have highlighted concerns that people are reflecting upon. Too much energy is being directed toward divisiveness and not enough time is being dedicated for communication, cooperation, connection and joint participation."

## Drug Take Back Day Cancelled During Pandemic

Due to the Stay at Home recommendations related to COVID 19, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Take Back Day has been cancelled. In its absence, the Raymond Coalition For Youth, The SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth and our regional public health partners of The Seacoast and South Central Public Health Networks, covering a combined thirty three towns in this part of NH, have come together to share important medication safety information.

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Never throw pills in the trash or flush them down the toilet. This can harm and contaminate our water supply and is dangerous for the environment. Safe disposal at home tips are on our social media pages that include the use of coffee grounds or cat litter.

If you use alternative

medications, such as therapeutic cannabis, keep these products safely stored and out of sight. Some of these products can look like enticing candies or treats to a young child. Please keep the local poison control number close by or on your fridge, Northern New England poison center 1 (800) 222-1222.

These groups recommend residents talk to children about medication safety. Make sure that they know to never take any medication not provided to them by a

parent or trusted adult. Talking about substance misuse can be difficult but it is important.

Visit partner websites for more information: Raymond Coalition for Youth: [www.rcfy.org/](http://www.rcfy.org/); SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth: [www.sorocknh.org/](http://www.sorocknh.org/); Seacoast Public Health Network: [www.seacoastphn.org/](http://www.seacoastphn.org/); and South Central Public Health Network: <http://southcentralphn.org/>. Also check them out on social media to stay updated and informed. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover.



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**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## CART Transitions to Essential Trips only

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## Library Hours

The Leach Library hours for May are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library

will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

## Tic Tac Toe and Word Scramble

May's adult display theme at Leach Library features foreign languages. On the central display table in the adult room, you will find new books about foreign languages available for checkout. Among these new titles will be Mandarin Chinese for Beginners: Learning Conversational Chinese by Yi Ren and Russian Script Hacking: The Optimal Pathway to Learn the Russian

Alphabet by Judith Meyer. As an added incentive, the library is offering two trivia games during the month: a foreign languages tic tac toe and a foreign languages word scramble. At the end of the month, one tic tac toe winner and one word scramble winner with all the correct answers will be chosen from a random drawing. Each winner will receive a \$10 gift card for the 99 Restaurant. Participants can begin the trivia games as early as 9 a.m. on Friday, May 1, and turn them in to the Reference Desk no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 for eligibility.

## Mystery at the Library

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, May 21 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for our young adult Mystery program. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will take part in the library's own version of an escape room challenge. This event includes a fun door prize raffle and light refreshments. No registration required.

## Children's Book Week Raffle

During Children's Book Week, for each item checked out of the Leach Library Children's Room starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 4 and ending on Saturday, May 9 at 5 p.m., you will earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool book bag. Stop by the display case in the Children's Room to see what the book bag looks like.

## A Few Seconds with Our Fathers

On Thursday, May 14

at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will offer Mr. Curt Besette and Ms. Jenn Kurtz's presentation A Few Seconds with Our Fathers: Songs and Stories of World War II. In this program honoring WWII veterans, Mr. Besette and Ms. Kurtz share stories as well as Mr. Besette's original songs. Topics covered are Pearl Harbor, the war in Europe, veterans returning home with emotional and physical wounds, life on the home front, and the historical facts surrounding these songs and stories. This program 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.

## Paint a Puppy Bank

On Monday, June 1 from 4 - 5 p.m. to paint your own ceramic puppy bank at the Leach Library. Using colorful paint, participants can create a very special bank to start saving money. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26.

## Let's Go Fly a Kite

Soar into the Leach Library on Monday, May 18 from 4 - 5 p.m. for an hour full of high-energy fun. During this program, participants will hear stories of adventures with kites, including some of the many things that can get stuck in a tree alongside a kite, and practice flying around the room

like a kite. Each participant will leave with a cheerful kite to fly on a breezy day. This adventurous 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, May 11.

## Linda Peck - Variety Show

During her family variety show at the Leach Library, Linda Peck will entertain and amuse all ages on Monday, May 4 from 4 - 5 p.m. Using mime, juggling, illusion, and comedy, there will be something for everyone during her dynamic performance. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and began at 9 a.m. on April 27. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127.

## Spring Filing Canceled

The Londonderry Lions will be rescheduling the spring dance to sometime in the fall.

## Matching Game

The Leach Library's Children's Room will be offering a Matching Game beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 1 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up your copy and a chance to win a cool prize.

## Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m.

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every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member

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### St. Jude Food Pantry

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### Romping Reads

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### Craft Time

Calling all children. Children of all ages are invited to the Leach Library on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. to explore their creative side. Each week, partici-

pants will discover a different fun craft to make using a variety of materials. Meeting dates are: May, 6, 13, 20, and 27.

### Toddler Time

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### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - April 13

**1:21 a.m.** A Pedestrian Check on Hampton Drive at Hannaford Food & Drug results in an arrest made by three officers. Kevin Gobeil, 25, of Pembroke was charged with Loitering or Prowling; and Possession of Burglary Tools.

**3:39 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Fieldstone Drive.

**12:40 p.m.** Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**12:49 p.m.** Peace Restored by two officers after report of Assault on Shadow Ridge Road.

**2:11 p.m.** Report of Wires Down on Hovey Road.

**2:32 p.m.** Services Rendered for Down Wires on Mercury Drive.

**2:58 p.m.** Warrant Served and Arrest Made

by three officers on Beacon Hill Road. Jeslyn Barbush, 33, of Derry charged with Stalking - Notice of Order.

**6:08 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

#### Tuesday - April 14

**11:36 a.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Ash Street.

**12:55 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Mammoth Road.

**4:54 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Michels Way at Market Basket.

**6:54 p.m.** Three officers assist with an attempted suicide and transportation to hospital from Pinyon Place.

**7:23 p.m.** Peace restored after disturbance on Wyndmere Drive.

**7:26 p.m.** Fish and Game

Violations investigated on Manter Mill Road.

#### Wednesday - April 15

**2:02 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Otterson Road.

**6:03 p.m.** Peace restored after a Disturbance on Baldwin Road.

#### Thursday - April 16

**4:30 a.m.** Services rendered for an auto fire on Commerce Avenue.

**1:31 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated by three officers on Nashua Road at St. Mary's Bank.

**1:46 p.m.** Peace restored after neighborhood disputes on Constitution Drive.

**2 p.m.** Report of a disturbance results in transportation to a hospital from Rockingham Road.

**6:10 p.m.** Services rendered for Drug Offenses

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# NH Small Businesses Suffer During COVID-19 Pandemic

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As the situation with coronavirus persists and social distancing orders seem more and more likely to extend, many businesses are struggling with the impact. And granite-stater owned establishments are certainly no exception.

According to most recent data available from the New Hampshire Small Business Association, a subset of the National Federation of Independent Business, over 75% of NH small businesses have been negatively impacted by the outbreak of coronavirus. Out of these negatively impacted, 23% have been experiencing supply chain disruptions, and 54% are experiencing slower sales.

Nine percent of these businesses have also reported having employees take a leave of absence due to sickness. Owners of these estab-

lishments cite that these absences are due to cold or flu symptoms and are out of an abundance of caution, not necessarily due to the virus.

The NH Small Business Association states that many small business owners have already been seeking out financial help or are planning to do so in the near future due to the impact of COVID-19. According to the NH Small Business Association, "The outbreak will leave few, if any, owners unscathed."

While these figures and outlooks appear grim, there are measures that the public can take to support their neighbors' livelihoods. All from the safety of their own home, or at the very least their vehicle.

Most people have been opting to stock up on grocery essentials and cook from the safety of their own home instead of eating prepared foods. This, combined with the order to

stay at home have been keeping locally owned restaurants fighting to tread water while they remain open, since as food service they qualify for the essential business title.

Ordering takeout from a local restaurant will help to keep the lights on in the establishment during this turbulent time. Many restaurants report having safe hygiene practices already, but have been especially stringent during the pandemic. Nevertheless, washing hands with soap and hot water for twenty seconds before transferring food from carryout containers to a plate and then washing hands again before eating will help to protect against any potential exposure.

For those who remain hesitant about ordering food prepared by others at this time, purchasing gift cards from local restaurants that offer them will also

help keep these establishments afloat. Gift cards can be gifted to friends and family in need by leaving them in mailboxes, or saved for celebration when social distancing orders finally lift.

Some more technically savvy local shops may have their goods available for purchase online. A Google search for any favorite mom-and-pop location to see if their products can be bought and delivered is a great way to support these businesses.

Again, a purchase of a gift card is also helpful in keeping these places going and again can be gifted to friends and family or saved for shopping when the stores are able to physically open their doors again.

Quite a few businesses that do not have online ordering capabili-

ty have begun offering curbside pickup options. Customers can call a business and request certain items, give an approximate time of their arrival, and contact the business again when they arrive and have a masked and gloved employee bring the products to the customer's car.

Many people are likely cutting costs while furloughed or laid off, but keeping memberships to local historical societies, clubs, or other membership-based local businesses will help these establishments keep their heads above water while customers are not able to visit. Those who absolutely cannot afford to keep a full membership during this time can consider making smaller monthly donations until further notice instead.

Just like larger corporations, small businesses have been doing their very best to adapt during these trying times. The best way to know how to support local businesses is by contacting establishments and asking what their new practices are, and how best to help support them. Though these days the community must remain apart, its members need not remain alone.

For more stories and information regarding New Hampshire small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.nfib.com/new-hampshire](http://www.nfib.com/new-hampshire). For small businesses seeking assistance and resources during this pandemic, visit the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center website at [www.nhsbdc.org](http://www.nhsbdc.org).

## Police Log

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on Nashua Road at Home Depot.

**8:09 p.m.** Warrant served and an arrest made on Penacook Road in Sandown. Garrett Powell, 37, of Sandown charged with having Animals in Motor Vehicles; Driving after Revoked/ Suspended License (Reckless Driving); Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Dog (Menace, Nuisance, Vicious); and Cruelty to Animals (Negligent).

### Friday - April 17

**1:01 p.m.** Four officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance on Justin Circle.

**2:56 p.m.** Disturbance investigated by two officers on Rockingham Road at Stonehenge Road.

**3:23 p.m.** Fish and Game Violations investigated on Sunflower Lane.

**3:28 p.m.** Services rendered for a report of trespassing on Robin Hood Drive.

**4:23 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Button Drive at All American Assisted Living.

**4:27 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Stokes Road.

**5:17 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Scots Place.

### Saturday - April 18

**1:11 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Check results in an arrest made by three officers on Nashua Road at Route I-93. Michael Martinoli, 23, of Haverhill, Mass. charged with Dui - Impairment; Dealing/Possess of Prescrip-

tion Drugs; and Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle.

**11:53 a.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Kendall Pond Road.

**3:56 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Trolley Car Lane.

**5:18 p.m.** Assault investigated by five officers on Chandler Drive.

### Sunday - April 19

**10 a.m.** Peace restored after a Domestic Disturbance on Noyes Road.

**1:04 p.m.** Services rendered for Weapons Offenses on Quincy Road.

**1:17 p.m.** Fish and Game Violations reported on Faucher Road.

**4:28 p.m.** Services rendered during Drug Offenses on Pendleton Lane.

## Around Town

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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: May 7, 14, 21, and 28.

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