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Past and Present

Cindy Wing was busy updating the herb garden at the Morrison House Museum on Tuesday morning. The Londonderry Historical Society planted this a number of years ago with the help of Girl Scouts, but the group wanted to update the plants with more period-correct herbs.

Photo by Chris Paul

Old Home Day Celebration Reduced to One-Day Event

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday, June 29 meeting of the Londonderry Town Council, Assistant Town Manager, Lisa Drabik announced that the annual Londonderry Old

Home Day celebration would be held next month.

Because of the issues related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the five day event will be cut down to just one day, with four events taking place on

that day.

Although she did not mention a date of the celebration, she did say that the only events taking place on that day would be the Parade, the Boot Scoot and Boogie

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Junkyard Owner Upset with Councils Cleanup Request

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday, June 29, meeting of the Londonderry Town Council the owner of S&S Metals, Vito Solomini, was more than a bit upset with the boards request to have him clean up the area in front of his business.

At their previous meeting, the Town Council held off on granting S&S Metals its yearly license and had asked the town's Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Canuel, to look into whether the license could be amended with the request that the business remove some of the vehicles along Rockingham Road. Members of the board felt that those vehicles pre-

sented an unsightly mess along that road.

During the June 29 meeting, which was a special meeting, called just to address this issue, since the current license was set to expire on July 1, councilwomen Deb Paul stepped down, due to having business dealings with the company.

Canuel began the discussion by telling the council that he had been in contact with the town attorney, and had amended the license agreement to reflect the town council's request.

Canuel said, "One of the more critical, or more important of those conditions has to do with the use of that front end portion of that property for the storage of

vehicles that are for sale."

The amendment to the license reads, "Solomini shall maintain a three-foot wide strip of landscape mulch along Route 28. Any vehicles located outside the fenced area shall be parked the landscape strip. Any vehicles parked outside of the fenced area and behind the landscaped strip shall be associated with the ancillary business of motor vehicle sales. All motor vehicles for sale outside the fenced area shall have signs noting they are for sale and the advertised sale price.

Rursuant to RSA 236:112, "motor vehicles which are no longer intended or in condition

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Water Contamination Continues to be a Concern in Londonderry

TIMOTHY CAIN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Mindi Messmer, a geologist and co-founder of New Hampshire Safe Water Alliance, in an opinion article entitled "My Turn: A NH Environmental Tragedy" published in the Concord Monitor last November wrote: "Know what's in your water."

Four months ago, Londonderry residents learned the significance of Messmer's plea when they packed the town

council meeting room to discuss recent revelations about water contamination that has impacted some of the town's water sources. Although the thrust of the conversation focused on the Merrimack company, Saint Gobain Performance Plastics (SGPP), with experts from NHDES (New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services), residents also raised concerns about the overall water quality in the community.

PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are man-made chemicals that include PFOA and PFOS. These compounds have been used for decades in products ranging from

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Eversource Reminds Customers of Programs as COVID-19 Restrictions Ease

Customers can still take advantage of various payment arrangements

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and New Hampshire slowly reopens, Eversource is reminding customers of the options and solutions available to support them during this uncertain time. The energy company continues to offer various ways to assist customers, including tips to help save money and energy,

as well as a new COVID-19 Payment Program that allows customers up to 12 months to pay any past-due balances.

"As the pandemic continues to evolve and we all begin to adjust to a new normal, we're here to help any customer facing financial hardship or uncertainty," said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. "We recognize how challenging these times are and remain committed to supporting our customers as we navigate through this uncharted territory. Any customer who may have had a difficult time paying their energy bill because of the pandemic can take advantage of one of our flexible payment arrangements to help them pay down any balances that may have accrued over the past few months."

The COVID-19 Payment Program is available to any customer who requests financial assistance during the pandemic. While customers are not currently at risk of losing service as Eversource continues to suspend all customer disconnections, this flexible payment arrangement also provides an important option for customers whenever the current moratorium on disconnections ends.

Here's how the COVID-19 Payment Program works:

Customers can pay past-due balances in flexible payment plans for up to 12 months. No down payment, fees or interest will be charged from March 17, 2020 (when the pandemic began) to the end of the payment plan.

Once an active payment arrangement has been arranged, the account will be protected from service disconnection for the duration of the payment plan – including whenever the current moratorium on disconnections ends.

Customers can learn more about the COVID-19 Payment Program and enroll online at Eversource.com or by calling 800-662-7764. For more information on energy saving tips, scam awareness and other programs

Eversource is offering to support customers during the pandemic, visit Eversource.com.

Eversource also recommends customers take advantage of the company's energy efficiency offerings which provides ways to save and help keep energy bills down year-round. Customers are encouraged to:

See if you qualify for Home Performance with ENERGY STAR – If you qualify, a certified technician will perform a thorough energy assessment for just \$100 and you'll receive rebates and no-cost energy saving products, as well as access to 0% on-bill financing and up to 90% off insulation. Customers uncomfortable with a technician visiting their home can have a virtual assessment now and schedule any in-home services for a later date. Qualifying criteria have changed, and customers that have not qualified in the past are encouraged to try again.

Create an online energy savings plan – Customers can better understand and manage their energy usage and costs. Customers should visit Eversource.com to create an energy savings plan.

Londonderry Historical Society Receives CARES Act Grant

The Londonderry Historical Society is pleased to announce that it was awarded a general operating support grant for \$3,000 from New Hampshire Humanities. The grant is funded through the federal CARES program and the National Endowment for the Humanities. It will help the Society cover operating expenses, present additional programming, and upgrade and

increase its online presence, which will allow the group to reach Londonderry residents and history enthusiasts beyond the Londonderry community.

The Londonderry Historical Society's mission is to preserve the best of Londonderry's past for future generations. The society owns several properties at its 140 Pillsbury Road site, including the 1760 Morrison House,

the 1859 Parmenter Barn, and the 1840 R.P. Clark Blacksmith Shop. The Society meets regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The public is always welcome. Winter meetings are at the Leach Library, and in the summer at the site on Pillsbury Road. The LHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible.

For more information, visit www.londonderryhistory.org or find them on Facebook, www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety/.

OBITUARY

Alan L. Fenster



Alan L. Fenster, 69, of Londonderry, NH died Saturday June 20, 2020 at his home with his wife and two daughters by his side. This was after a long and courageous battle with bladder cancer. Alan was born in Brookline, MA on Nov. 17, 1950, a son of the late Nat and Zelda (Gersh) Fenster. He had resided in Londonderry since 1990, where he had become a leader and close friend to the members of Londonderry and Manchester Christian Church. He worked 21 years in the town of Londonderry as everyone's favorite Pharmacist, he was loved by all with his charismatic personality and kind heart, being in his presence always put a smile on your face.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Patricia (Loiacono) Fenster of Londonderry, two daughters, Kristen Hudon of Manchester, NH, and Melissa McGinnis of Auburn, NH, three grandchildren, Asia Marie McGinnis, Gavin Miles McGinnis, and Madelynn Rose Hudon.

Following cremation, a memorial celebration will be held at a future date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215, please earmark for Bladder Cancer Research. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Junkyard

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for legal use according to their original purpose including motor vehicles purchased for the purpose of dismantling the vehicles for parts or for use of the metal for scrap" shall be kept inside the fenced area. Absolutely no such vehicles shall be parked or stored outside of the fenced area on the property, except as provided in paragraph 8 below."

Paragraph 8 reads: "Any semi-trailer that is

not attached to an operable tractor unit and currently is located outside the fenced area shall be moved inside the fenced area on or before December 31, 2020. Any motor vehicle currently located outside the fenced area that is not sold by May 31, 2021 shall be moved inside the fenced area."

Solomini attended the meeting that evening and was upset with the mending saying that he has hired an attorney and they would be fighting the board's decision.

When asked if the

new addition was acceptable, Solomini said, "Not at all. I've been there 24 years, and I've adhered to everything that the council has asked me to do, Mr. Canuel will tell you, anytime I had a problem, he told me about it, it was rectified." He added that he had the same rapport with the prior building inspectors and that he has done everything he was asked to do. He added, "I don't think what you're trying to do to me now is right, and I'm not going to give into it, I want you to deal

with my attorney."

Town Council Chairman John Farrell responded to Solomini by say, "So sir, I want you to be sure you understand, the only way I can continue to grant you a license is if the council grants you a license without any provisions being changed, or they can grant you a license based on the provisions that have been put in here." He added that he does not have the legal authority to let the license lapse and wait to talk to Solomini's attorney.

Solomini responded, "Put me in jail. I'm gonna keep working."

Farrell reiterated that he and the council have only two choices, but expressed that they could approve the newly amended agreement, and have the two sides hammer out compromise afterwards. "I'm looking to see what I can do to help you so you can continue to operate."

"I don't believe any of you are trying to help me." Solomini responded, "Nobody likes a junkyard to begin with, I've been doing this all my life sir, and I've come across many opposition, I've been in court at least a half-a-dozen times. You guys are all the same, just trying to put us out of business."

Solomini added that all the vehicle along the

road were operational and able to be put back on the road, saying that id they were junk he would put them in the yard or get rid of them.

Farrell questioned whether all the vehicle really were running vehicles, and Solomini said that no one has ever asked him about that, and if they had, he'd get them running.

At that point, councilor Tom Dolan asked what ability the council had to grant the license as it currently stood, and then work toward a solution on the roadside vehicles.

Member Joe Green objected saying he thought there was enough evidence showing that the new amended agreement was justified.

Dolan then suggested allowing S&S Metal to operate for 90-days under the old agreement, giving both sides time to come to an agreement on the vehicles, but Farrell said he didn't think they were allowed to do that.

Canuel then added, "In Mr. Solomini's defense, he has not seen the conditions that were drafted by our attorney."

After the council found out that Solomini had not been shown the changes to the license until that evening, two of the four council mem-

bers were in favor of giving more time for the junkyard to remain operational, but Green still suggested that they would be in the same position a year from now if they allowed the current license.

Farrell then called the town attorney on his cell phone to get a determination on how to proceed.

After that phone call, the council decided to grant an extension of the existing license for 90-days, with the understanding the two attorneys would meet and decide an amicable agreement.

Solomini added at the end of the meeting. "You're going to have to give me a copy of what you're trying to do so I can give it to my attorney. I was never even served with a certified letter saying I was suppose to be here tonight."

Canuel then told the council that because the agreement was in draft form, he didn't feel that it should be released.

Farrell apologized to Solomini for the oversight, and asked if he would be okay with the 90-day solution, which Solomini agreed to.

He ended by say, "That's fine, and if I don't agree with it, we'll just end up in court and let a judge decide."

Planning Board Has Another Very Quick Videoconference Meeting

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In what was a very short meeting of the Londonderry Planning Board, members voted to continue the plans for a new Bank, Convenience Store and Gas Station site on Rockingham Road on Wednesday night, July 1.

The meeting was being held via videoconference once again, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the only item on the agenda was an application for formal review of a site plan for a gas station and a convenience store with a drive through, and a

bank with a drive through at 174 and 178 Rockingham Road. The owner and applicant was 2V Londonderry, LLC, and the plan had been continued from the June 3 meeting. The property is located west of Exit 5, near the intersection of Rockingham Road and Symmes Drive.

Planning Board Chairman Art Rugg informed the members attending the meeting that the owner had requested another continuance. The plans would now be discussed on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Rugg asked the Town Planner, Colleen Mailoux, if she had anything

on the progress of the plan, and she responded that the applicant was continuing to work through their engineering and design review, and the permitting process with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. She also mentioned that the applicant had representatives on the phone in case there were questions from the board.

With that, the board voted unanimously to grant the continuance.

The only other business being discussed that evening was for members to accept a number of minutes to previous meetings.

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Editorial

Important Weeks Ahead

When it comes to making the decisions that can change the face of the world, we hold the key. Should those decisions be based on whether we are a registered Republican or Democrat? If your answer is yes, something's wrong.

The November election is important for a lot of reasons. We can start at the top, with the President. If we all use our heads, the choice for President will be made not on party lines, not on exaggerated rhetoric, but on the candidate's priorities, background and concrete plans. A candidate's honesty and willingness to acknowledge past actions and statements are good things for voters to focus on as well.

That requires the voter to act with intelligence, to do a little research, to pay attention to what is being said and not said by the candidates. Are they answering your concerns? Do you want what they say they want? Do you care? You should.

And in our own state, we have elections of significant importance as well, starting with the Governor's and Executive Council races, extending to the Congressional seats, and continuing with State Senate and State Representative selections.

We commend the show of interest in local candidacies, and urge voters not to choose a name

they've heard or someone their friends suggest, but a candidate whose views they have studied, a line with and whose views they like. We caution our readers to beware of party-line slams on opponents. Elections lately have been dirtier and nastier than before, and that style of campaigning gives us no information other than inaccuracies and downright lies on which to make an informed choice.

As for the incumbents candidates their records are an open book, one we encourage you to read. If you have a question about how someone voted, ask the candidate, not his or her opponent. If you're basing your decision on propaganda from political action groups, you're hearing only one and paid to be slanted side.

Every voter has the opportunity in the next few but very important weeks to study what each candidate has to say and to think for your self. No one should tell you how to vote. It's your checkbook and your lifestyle and your world your view that are at stake.

For all of us who like to say how much we love our country and our state, the most patriotic thing we can do is to be an informed and prepared voter this year, and cast our ballot as if the country and our way of life depend on it.

Because they do!

Letters

Voting for Liberty

To the editor,

You go you defenders of liberty, you are Americans after all and if you don't want to wear a mask don't. Damn the common good. I get it.

While we are defending liberty why stop with masks? Let's go for the gold! I know I can count on your support. You see, I'm a business owner and I object to the governments tyrannical infringement on my personal liberty by dictating to me what fair treatment for my employees is and how much to pay them. And what's with laws requiring me to provide safe working conditions and to treat my waste? Shouldn't I have the liberty to run my business as I see fit?

Indulge me further my fellow patriots and consider this. My business has taken off and I have put my children into the finest private schools money can buy. Yet again the overreaching hand of government has crept into my pockets and pulled out property taxes to support public schools. How is that liberty I ask?

I bought health insurance recently for my family. We got a great policy. It covers everything you can imagine.

My hard work has really paid off. But here again, not only do I pay for my own health insurance, but I'm paying for other people as well. I'll never need Medicare or the ACA so why should I pay? Where is the liberty in that?

Wait a minute you say? You're worried most people can't afford these things? What is my answer to that? I say it's

not my problem. You have the freedom and liberty to make yourself rich so go do it. Being rich is good, I recommend it highly. If you're not rich too, it's only because of your own personal failure to take advantage.

So you see, liberty itself is what's really at stake in the next election. Forget the "America First" crap, and the racist tropes and divisive rhetoric. All that white noise is just to hoodwink enough dupes into voting for us so that the fight for true liberty can continue.

Bryan MacLaren
Londonderry

Trump Ignored Obama's Pandemic Manual

To the editor,

President Trump said "the cupboards were bare" of ppe and ventilators when he took office, but they were bare three years into his administration. When asked about this he blamed Russian Gate, Ukraine Gate, and the impeachment, which is hogwash since there were adequate government resources available to address the need for medical supplies.

Ronald Klain, an Obama administration official who addressed potential pandemic outbreaks said Obama's administration provided the Trump administration with a 69 page pandemic manual called Playbook for Early Response to High-Consequence Emerging Infectious Disease Threats and Biological Incidents. This document was ignored by Trump's

administration. Additionally, Trump abolished the office for pandemic preparedness in 2018, and cut by 75% a global pandemic monitoring system.

Obama's pandemic manual references the need for the federal government to procure ppe, detect the outbreak, acquire funding and invoke the Defense Production Act at the earliest indication of a pandemic in the world. It calls for appointment of a single knowledgeable federal person to lead the response effort, which is not an unqualified president or vice president.

Trump said he could not have predicted the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Obama administration told Trump and his aides to prepare for a potential pandemic.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Time to Move On

To the editor,

Al Baldasaro has represented Londonderry in the State Legislature for seven terms. He is a leader in the Republican Party. He has a distinguished military career. I do not doubt his patriotism or sincerity. And yet, I am writing to suggest that the time has come for someone new to represent Londonderry,

First, you should know that I am a Vice Chair of Londonderry Democrats and as such I realize that I am biased. Recently, the New Hampshire Democratic Party had included Mr. Baldasaro in their "Must resign 9" list. The list

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Letters

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cited his call for Hillary Clinton to be executed for treason during the last presidential campaign. But I also feel that there are a number of current issues that beg us to move in another direction.

First, I think the days of extreme partisanship need to come to an end. The Clinton accusation is but one example of Mr. Baldasaro's extremism. He invites all to view his positions on his Representative Al Baldasaro facebook page. Please do so. Have we moved so far that we can no longer disagree without challenging the sincerity and patriotism of the other party? How can someone so partisan try to find win-win situations that benefit the town and the state?

Then there is his stance on face masks during this epidemic. He usually refuses to wear a mask in public. Even posting that "he doesn't often wear a mask, but when he does, it is a Vote Trump Mask. (Actually, I would prefer that he would wear it all the time, it's not about politics it's about public safety.) And that is the issue, he is in a leadership position. But his partisanship results in increased risk of sickness and death to Lon-

donderry and New Hampshire residents.

Finally, there is the current issue of Russia putting a bounty on American soldiers and marines in Afghanistan. There is substantial evidence that Russian agents put a bounty on Americans. The Administration questions the sufficiency of the information. What do we want a president to do when they get this kind of information? I think, at a minimum, the president should demand that every effort be made to verify or refute this intelligence. Even now the President and Mr. Baldasaro brush it off as fake news. It demands further investigation. Anything less is an affront to those who serve, their families, the fallen and their loved ones left behind.

So, what I am asking is that everyone look at all the candidates this year. See whose positions you are most comfortable with. Look for people who are problem solvers and consensus builders. And as that partisan Democrat from Londonderry, take a look at our candidates, it think they deserve your serious consideration.

Jim Green
Londonderry

Letter from the School District

To the Parents and Guardians of the Londonderry School District,

We are writing today to provide you with an update on the progress of planning for the reopening of school in September. As you are aware, considerable efforts will have to be taken to insure that we are able to open with in-person instruction to the greatest degree allowable by public health guidelines. In working toward that end, district administrators have been researching contingencies and engaging groups of parents and teachers in the development of four different possible models under which we could open in the fall. An overview of this work will be presented to the School Board at our regular July 14 meeting. This meeting will be broadcast on both community access cable and YouTube. Our hope is that members of the community will tune in to learn more about these possible opening scenarios.

In the weeks that follow, we will be asking members of the community to provide us with feedback regarding the reopening of school. On July 21, the School

Board will conduct a public workshop dedicated specifically to this issue, during which the public's input will be the primary focus of the evening. This is not a regular Board meeting, and there will be no other items on the agenda. The School Board and district administrators strongly encourage parents and community members to attend this meeting to share their thoughts and questions. The meeting will take place in the LHS Cafeteria at 7:00. We will have

an independent facilitator run the meeting in order to insure that we hear from as many people as possible. We will also be conducting a follow up poll on reopening, and individual schools will also be collecting parent input regarding specific school details. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to submit written feedback to the Board or Superintendent.

The final decision as to the format under which schools will

reopen will be made at the August 4th School Board meeting. From there, we will shift fully to preparations to return to school, in whatever model is chosen. As always, we are incredibly grateful for the flexibility and support of the Londonderry community. We will continue to update you on progress as the circumstances allow.

Scott Lalibert,
Superintendent
Michael Saucier,
School Board Chair

Old Home Day

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Road Race, the softball game between the Police and Fire Departments and the Fireworks.

Drabik also mentioned that they are looking for volunteers to help with the one-day event and a meeting will

be taking place on Thursday, July 16, at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria at 7 p.m.

Traditionally, the event is held on the third week of August, but since the pandemic has cancelled most of the planning meetings this year, the timeline for

getting the celebration off the ground has been cut to less than a month.

Details on the event will be divulged after the July 16 meeting.

As of press time, the Londonderry Historical Society has yet to decide whether to cancel the events at the Morrison House Museum.

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Accidental Invaders: Dusky Roaches May be Settling In

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Everyone dreads coming into a room in their own home and then turning on the light to see a cockroach scurry across the floor. The sight of this particular insect invokes panic that the home has been infested by a disease-carrying pest.

It so happens that this time of year, some suburban Granite-Staters may be seeing such a sight. But before panicking, try to identify what type of cockroach it is—it might not be as bad as you think.

The Dusky cockroach (*Ectobius lapponicus*), sometimes referred to as the Tawny cockroach, is often mistaken for either the German, American, or Smoky Brown cockroach, infesting cousins of the dusky roach. This species of cockroach was first discovered in the New Hampshire area in 1984 and has made the woods its home since, occasionally accidentally stowing away into human homes.

In addition to the northeastern United States, the Dusky cockroach can be found in Europe, Northern Asia, and southeastern Canada.

Adult male Dusky roaches are about 9-11mm in length, and females roughly 6-8mm in length. The body of the Dusky roach is dark grey-brown, except for a dark pronotum (first of three segments in the thorax) on the male, and a dark abdomen on a female.

Dusky roach eggs are laid between June and September, which overwinter on the ground to hatch in the spring. Nymphs become adult specimens by July, and then by September or October, after the next generation has been born, the adults die.

Unlike the other aforementioned species of roaches, the Dusky cockroach prefers to reside outside. However, they can wander or get carried into homes on accident. These roaches do not breed indoors, and therefore do not cause infestations.

Dusky roaches may wander into homes through open doors, cracks between air conditioners and windows, etc. Since this species isn't light sensitive, it can be found wandering aimlessly during the day, rather trying to hide and being active mostly at night.

The wood roach's natural habitat consists of hollow trees, stumps, under loose bark, and woodpiles. Occasionally the wood roach will make a home in crevices of rural buildings located near wooded areas, and can make their way inside via firewood or even mail. They also might accumulate in rain gutters on homes.

While they are harmless, the sight of a dusky cockroach can be unsettling, as at first glance they really do resemble their more sinister counterparts. However, there are clear signs that can be looked for to determine whether there is a more serious infestation going on.

Indications of a serious more hazardous cockroach infestation include:

Droppings either similar in size and diameter

to mouse droppings, or similar in appearance to pepper or coffee grounds in dim areas.

Presence of dark colored egg capsules, which are sometimes glued to a surface near food sources, but can also be found in basements, laundry rooms, kitchens, and behind appliances or underneath cabinets.

A "musty" odor in the home.

Seeing the actual insects, which will flee to dark areas if exposed to light.

If a cockroach infestation is suspected, a pest control expert should be contacted immediately. These professionals can help recommend an appropriate treatment plan and help prevent any future problems.

While Dusky cockroaches are more or less harmless, they can still be a mild nuisance. Luckily, there are easy ways to minimize and prevent their presence in the home.

Be sure to close all possible entryways into the home, and no space is too small for these creatures to squeeze through.

Be sure to examine wood, mail, and parcels before bringing them into the home.

Clean up all crumbs and food residue, and be sure not to leave any inside of sinks overnight. This will provide less incentive for the roaches to enter or stay in the home.

Utilize insect-repelling products near possible places where the

roaches may enter. Natural alternatives can be tried, as there are a few different smells that many roaches are averse to, including that of tea tree oil, eucalyptus, lavender, cypress, and peppermint.

The sight of any type of insect in the home can be upsetting, but take comfort in knowing that not all insects are out to destroy or infest.

OBITUARY

Thomas James Freda



Thomas James Freda, 62, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Tuesday June 30, 2020, in his home. He was born on Feb. 8, 1958 in Medford, Mass., a son of the late Arthur and Catherine (Todd) Freda. He had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 22 years, formerly living in Medford, Mass. Tom was a graduate of Medford H.S., received his BA from Boston College, his Law degree from New England School of Law and his Master's in Accounting from Northeastern University.

Tom established his own law practice in Boston, Mass. in 1982. He was also a Certified Public Accountant and Financial Planner. Tom's passion was politics. He was actively involved in the Town of Londonderry, starting with being on the Budget Committee, then member of the Town Council and was the current Town Moderator. Tom was devoted to his family and providing for them was his primary goal. He enjoyed traveling and was looking forward to many more trips in his retirement. He will be remembered as a loving husband, great father and wonderful friend to many.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 29 years, Rita (Ferreira) Freda of Londonderry; three sons, TJ Freda, Dan Freda and Matt Freda; a brother, Joseph Freda of Daytona Beach, FL; two sisters, Catherine Sheehan and Carrie Freda, both of Port Orange, FL and his much loved dog, Brady. He was predeceased by his brother Arthur Freda, his sister-in-law, Claire Freda and his brother-in-law, Dennis Sheehan.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held privately by the family at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 118 High St, Medford, MA. The burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, 686 Washington Street, Winchester, MA. Due to State of MA guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Prostate Cancer Research Institute 300 Corporate Pointe, Suite 383 Culver City, CA 90230. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is handling the arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Water

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ing from food packaging material to commercial household items, like water-repellent fabrics and nonstick cookware. PFOA and PFOS are known as the “forever chemical” because they are persistent in the environment and in the human body; these chemicals bind to proteins within the body and accumulate over time. Evidence exists that ingesting food or water that contains PFAS can cause health problems.

At the March 2 town council meeting, Clark Freise, NHDES Assistant Commissioner, explained that although environmental standards are established at the feder-

al level, the DES has worked with the legislature to address water contamination impacts. As a result, SB 309 and HB 1101 were passed in 2018 that set health-based standards for PFOA at 12 ppt (parts per trillion) and PFOS at 15 ppt. Along with these new limits, the new legislation made New Hampshire the first state in the country to require local water systems, landfills and waste water plans to test routinely for PFAS chemicals.

Despite the efforts of DES and the state legislature, these new health-based standards are no longer in effect as of Dec. 31, 2019 because three separate entities (one of which is 3M) sued DES and a superior court judge granted a

stay. Thus, the state abides by the old standard of 70 ppt that is not a drinking water standard but a cleanup standard, known as Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard (AGQS). To date, no further legal decisions have been made most likely because of the Covid-19 health crisis.

New Hampshire residents should know that drinking water standards only apply to public water systems, not private wells.

Jeffrey Marts, a senior hydrogeologist with the Waste Management Division at DES, explained at the March town council meeting that the source of Saint Gobain’s PFAS contamination in Londonderry is derived from air emissions from the smoke-

stacks at the Merrimack plant that traveled through the air as dry material or through precipitation and found its way into the soil as well as through fractured bedrock wells. The Saint Gobain Consent Decree, a legal agreement with NHDES, requires the company to provide bottled water for any well west of High Range Road that exceeds 12 ppt.

Since the March meeting, Saint Gobain (SGPP) submitted a request on June 4, 2020, for a variance for the Feb. 21, 2021 deadline for completing construction and installation of PFAS air emissions controls issued by NHDES on Feb. 11, 2020. SGPP wants an additional year to complete this work and cites the Covid-19 pandemic for this request. A public hearing is scheduled for Aug. 5, 2020, for public comments. In accordance with Governor Sununu’s Emergency Order #12, the public hearing will be held as a virtual meeting.

Besides water contamination issues with SGPP, a number of households near the Apple Tree Mall have discovered PFAS contamination in their well water. Reportedly, the Department of Environmental Services’ efforts

to assist these homeowners with water filtration plans have been stalled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to the Town of Londonderry Water Quality Survey conducted with NHDES and the Nobis Group, arsenic was detected in 24 of the 32 wells sampled in town. Thirty eight percent of the samples exceeded the proposed DES standard for arsenic at 5ppb (parts per billion).

Unlike PFAS, arsenic is a natural component that contaminates groundwater. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), “long term exposure to arsenic from drinking water and food can cause cancer and skin lesions.” It has also been associated with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and early exposure with children has impacted cognitive development.

Freise confirmed the danger of arsenic at the March meeting. “We know a lot more about what it does and nothing is good,” he said.

Town Council Chairman John Farrell agreed in March that additional meetings to discuss the town’s water quality would take place. To date, town council agenda items for its virtual meetings indicate no

such meeting has occurred to address residents’ concerns.

The potential serious health concerns because of water contamination in the town notwithstanding the financial impact on local residents continues. Residents may be asking the following: How will the instances of water contamination in town impact property values? Will the town assist in lowering water-testing costs? Will there be town rebates for filtration systems?

As mentioned in this article, residents can attend the Saint Gobain variance hearing on August 5; they can inquire about Londonderry Town Council’s water and air quality plan that was created during the May 4 meeting about the top 2020 goals.

Residents can also utilize the DES website. The department has a dedicated link about the PFAS investigation in New Hampshire.

Finally, as fellow resident Vinyl Curro who lives on High Range Road and who is impacted by Saint Gobain contamination said: “It’s well worth it to have your wells tested. Get it done. Get it tested, so we can hopefully have a total picture of the town.”

Town Approves Local Small Business Grant For Covid-19 Related Expenses

Upon the recommendation of the Londonderry Town Manager, the Town Council unanimously approved a local small business grant program at its most recent meeting on Monday, June 29.

The program, known as the Coronavirus Reconfiguration Costs Assistance and Relief (CRCAR), was designed to allow small businesses in Londonderry to apply for a grant up to \$1,000 to reimburse operational expenses related to operating under COVID-19 regulations. Such expenses would include, but are not limited to, items such as plexi-

glass, tents/tables, sanitizing products, social distancing materials, etc.

The initial funding for the program is \$50,000 which will come from the monies designated for Londonderry by the State of New Hampshire as part of the CARES ACT Municipal Relief Funds allocated to each community. Depending on the needs of the business community, more funding may be allocated to the program in the near future.

Town Manager, Kevin Smith, commented, “The small business community is the lifeblood of the economy in Londonderry. By creating this

program, it is one small way the Town can lend a helping hand to these businesses as they work to get their operations back to full strength while still abiding by the COVID-19 regulations.”

Londonderry businesses wishing to apply for the grant can download the application online at: www.londonderry-nh.org/sites/londonderry-nh/files/uploads/crcar.pdf. Once the application is downloaded and completed, it can be email to Kirby Brown at: kbrown@londonderry-nh.org or it can be dropped off at Town Hall in the Town Manager’s office.

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Budget Committee Meets with School and Town on Budget Process

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Thursday, June 25, the Londonderry Budget Committee met with the Finance Directors of both the school and the town to get a better understanding of the budget process and to define some of the aspects of both forms of government as the fiscal year ends for both.

The meeting was held at the Town Council Chambers, but two members chose to attend via videoconferencing.

School District Finance Director, Peter Curro took the lead and did most of the speaking during the presentation, although the town's Finance Director, Justin Campo was also present, and added to the discus-

sion.

Curro began by telling the board that both the town and school follow the SB2 form of government, which means the budgets are presented as warrant article, they are discussed on at a deliberative and voted on during the annual March Elections.

Curro told the board that each government presents an Operating Budget as well as a Default Budget. The Default was established to make sure that each can move forward with financing the school and town, it is based on what was appropriated in the previous year.

While talking about the Warrant, he explained the importance of making sure that any citizen petition articles go through the town or

school district's attorneys. Saying that if the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration deems it not to be legal, there will be an issue during voting.

Curro also explained the different types of funds being used by both governments. The General Fund is used to record the expenses and the revenues the town incurs. The Enterprise Fund is a self-supporting fund that sells either a service or goods to the public for a fee. A Revolving Fund is used for a specific purpose and is self-sustaining. The Capital Reserve Fund is an account established by vote to fund a particular purpose. A Special Revenue Fund supports a specific project and provides an extra level of accounta-

bility and transparency to the taxpayers.

He explained Fund Balance as being the amount left over after expenditures and is considered a net-income. He added that is different from the amount of money left over from the budget. He further explained that the balance is determined through what total revenue is brought in versus what was expended.

Curro defined how the school district builds a budget as, "When we build a budget, there are a lot of fixed factors that come into play, we present a proposed budget that, in our estimation, funds

the level of curriculum and opportunities that the school board and community expects from us."

He added that he thought this is why the Default Budget is so important; it establishes whether the voters want to add to services or maintain them.

Curro explained later in the meeting that the school board, in many cases, makes many of the budgetary decisions a year in advance. They are anticipating needs, and trying to establish funding those needs ahead of time.

When asked how the determination is made on how much of an

increase can be forecasted, Curro stated that is all about the level of service that board members and residents are looking for. He said he can easily cut \$5 million out of the budget, but what would be the effect of that action. He added there would be consequence from that action, it's all about what citizens can live with.

The discussion ended with Budget Committee Chairman saying that he would love for taxpayers to get more involved with the budget process and hoped that this year more folks would add their thoughts to the budget.

Town Hall Open for Walk-Ins Safety Meeting Rescheduled

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As of Monday, July 6, all Londonderry Town Hall departments have been opened to residents for walk-ins.

The town also reminds residents that because of the COVID-19

Pandemic facial coverings are being required in Town Hall, so please make sure to bring one.

The Traffic Safety Committee Meeting that was suppose to have been held on Monday, July 6, was postponed to Monday, July 13.

The new venue will be

in the Police Department Conference Room starting at 6 p.m.

The committee has not met since January, and the Town Council recently determined that they would be making town traffic decisions based on the findings of this meeting.

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Drought Downgraded to Moderate for So. New Hampshire

According to last week's U.S. Drought Monitor, as of June 25, the southern half of the state has been elevated from "Abnormally Dry" to a "Moderate Drought," while the remainder of the state continues to experience "Abnormally Dry" conditions. These conditions, a result of an exceptionally low snowpack this winter and lack of precipitation, have impacted rivers and streams, groundwater, soil moisture, and reservoirs. Due to these conditions the State Drought Management Plan is being implemented. This

plan ensures the State develops, coordinates and implements all possible approaches to responding to the drought. One of the first steps, based on the increasing intensity of the drought will be the initial coordination of the State Drought Management Team (DMT), a collaborative team of state, federal, municipal and regional agencies; industry and non-governmental organizations; and academia. Ongoing actions include: assessing reservoir impacts and adjusting operations, working with drinking water sys-

tems statewide and ensuring the public is informed of the impacts and conservation measures that should be employed now to avoid serious problems later in the summer.

Earlier this week, NHDES advised public water systems to carefully track water supplies and implement outdoor water use restrictions as needed. The state has requested systems report restrictions to NHDES to be publicized on the Drought Management webpage. Ninety-four systems have reported implementing outdoor

usage restrictions.

NHDES is asking the public to abide by restrictions so essential and critical water needs of the community, residents, and businesses are met. NHDES encourages those relying on private residential wells to begin conserving now. Due to COVID-19, people are at home more often, which means a higher than usual demand on residential well supplies. To protect your well supply, it is recommended that outdoor water use be limited and water use be staggered, allowing the well time to recharge

between demands.

Lake levels are starting to fall due to low inflows and evaporation. In an effort to slow the fall on the state's largest lakes, releases from the dams that impound those lakes have been reduced to the minimum needed to maintain in-stream flow needs downstream. As a result, many of the small hydropower projects on the state's tributary rivers are no longer able to generate power, although the hydropower projects on the main stem rivers, such as the Merrimack and Connecticut, contin-

ue to operate.

During drought conditions, it is especially important to be vigilant with wildfire prevention, especially making sure all fires are extinguished completely. Doing so can help reduce wildfire incidents and lower the potential for property loss, personal injury and even loss of life.

To view a map of drought conditions, a list of utilities restricting water use, and drought guidance for private well owners, go to the "A-Z list" at www.des.nh.gov and scroll down to Drought Management.

Annual CLM Benefit Concert To Be Held on Friday, July 17

The 12th Annual Concert to benefit the Center for Life Management will place on Friday, July 17. Broken Arrow-A Tribute to Neil Young will bring to life the music of the Rock' in Roll hall-of-fame legend and Father of Grunge at the Tupelo Drive-In Derry, at 6 pm.

Tickets are \$100 per car and table seating under an event tent is available. Food service will be available and delivered to cars. Food and beverage service will be available with Table Seats at \$25 per person. Show begins at 6 p.m. and parking lot opens 45 minutes before the show.

Neil Young's songs

capture social political struggles and his songwriting activism continues to inspire generations of rockers. Broken Arrow-A Tribute to Neil Young will perform both the rockin' electric "Crazy Horse" tunes and the more acoustic, pedal steel driven country rock tunes made famous by Neil Young. Joe Mass, lead vocal does the harmonies of Young justice with his delivery of songs such as "Old Man," "Heart of Gold," and "Rocking in the Free World." Marty Cohl, the band's secret sauce, brings his own soulful country rock/bluegrass instrumental style on the steel guitar to the

stage along with Philadelphia band veterans Dan Gold on bass and Larry Freeman on drums.

"The health and safety of our sponsors and supporters are the top priority for this event. We are following the protocols established by the state and NHDHS. You will find details of what to expect outlined explained Vic Topo, President and CEO of the Center for Life Management.

Local business have stepped forward to sponsor the event. However, more are needed. "Because of all the uncertainty surrounding the event, we need additional support to make this event a success. To para-

phrase Neil Young's song, we are searching for a heart of gold and have open sponsorship opportunities," explained Topo.

Proceeds from the event provide mental health services for un- and under insured children and adults within the local community. If you are unable to attend

the concert in person, Live Stream is available online at www.tupelomusicall.com/streaming/#clip=dzq51e4j1bco and if you would like to make a donation to the Center of Life Management, you can add your donation to the tip jar. All e-tips to benefit the Center for Life Management. Donations are also

accepted at www.centerforlifemanagement.org/donate. Checks may be mailed to the Center for Life Management, Fund Development Office, 10 Tsienneto Rd., Derry, NH 03079. If you have any questions or would like more information call Melissa Ballard Sullivan, Director of Fund Development at (603) 956-0770.

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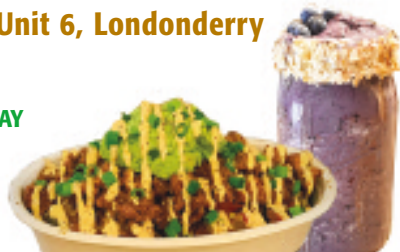
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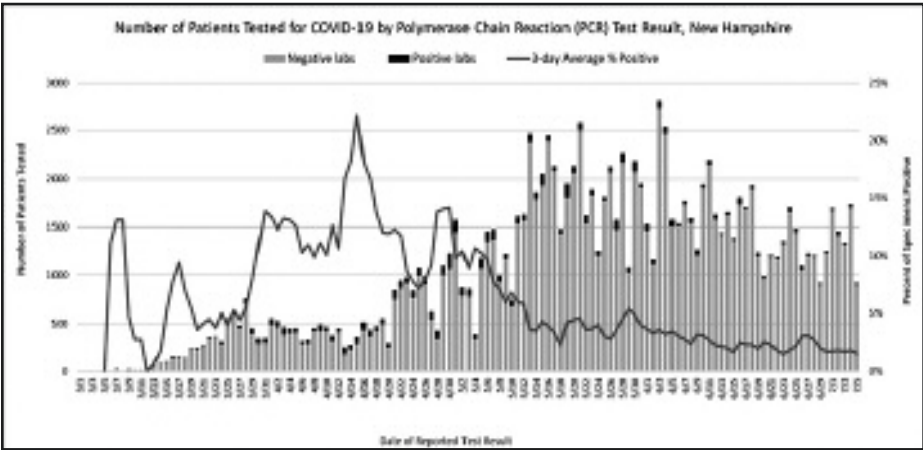
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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – July 6, 2020



The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Monday, July 6, 2020, DHHS announced 21 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 5,914 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 85% being female and 15% being male. The new cases reside in Belknap (3), Carroll (3), Rockingham (3), Coos (2), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (2), Merrimack (1), and Strafford (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (4) and Manchester (1). The county of residence is being determined for one new case.

Four new hospitalized case were identified for a total of 574 (10%) of 5,914 cases. Six of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of the remaining cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, recently traveled, or are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced one additional death related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 female resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

Current Situation in New Hampshire
New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated July 6, 9 a.m.):

NH Persons with COVID-19:		5,914
Recovered:		4,706 (80%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19:		382 (6%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases:		826
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19:		574 (10%)
Current Hospitalizations:		25
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR):		127,880
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests:		20,455

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL:	July 3:	94	July 2:	23
	July 4:	1,031	July 3:	31
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL:	July 5:	150	July 4:	17
	Daily Average:	435	July 5:	10
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time):	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical:		Daily Average:	18
	June 29:	68	Quest Diagnostics:	
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS	June 30:	70	June 29:	226
	July 1:	164	June 30:	194
	July 2:	58	July 1:	257
	July 3:	118	July 2:	211
	July 4:	171	July 3:	159
	July 5:	57	July 4:	119
	Daily Average:	101	July 5:	54
			Daily Average:	174
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests			Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical:	
			June 29:	1
NH Public Health Laboratories:	June 29:	332	June 30:	28
	June 30:	442	July 1:	42
	July 1:	253	July 2:	34
	July 2:	147	July 3:	25
	July 3:	174	July 4:	6
	July 4:	34	July 5:	0
	July 5:	n/a**	Daily Average:	19
	Daily Average:	230		
LabCorp:			Other Laboratory*:	
	June 29:	6	June 29:	8
	June 30:	24	June 30:	15
	July 1:	31	July 1:	11
	July 2:	15	July 2:	10
	July 3:	19	July 3:	7
	July 4:	4	July 4:	1
	July 5:	28	July 5:	0
	Daily Average:	18	Daily Average:	7
Quest Diagnostics:			Total:	
	June 29:	301	June 29:	235
	June 30:	135	June 30:	239
	July 1:	694	July 1:	350
	July 2:	479	July 2:	278
	July 3:	647	July 3:	222
	July 4:	627	July 4:	143
	July 5:	679	July 5:	64
	Daily Average:	509	Daily Average:	219
Mako Medical:				
	June 29:	491		
	June 30:	125		
	July 1:	790		
	July 2:	361		

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Motor Vehicle Trust Fund

In 2003, Londonderry voters approved a warrant article requested by the Solid Waste and

Environment Committee to establish a Motor Vehicle Reclamation Trust Fund. New Hampshire law (RSA 261:153) allows municipalities to establish a fund for collecting and disposing of residents' used tires, motor oil, and motor vehicle batteries.

To raise money for the fund, towns collect an additional amount when residential or light commercial vehicles (including rental cars) are registered by the town clerk. This saves residents money and protects our environment. And any excess monies can be used for recycling and reclamation of other types of residents' solid waste.

This fund has been instrumental in the construction and expansion of Londonderry's Drop Off Center at 13 Recovery Way off West Road, where residents can drop off yard waste and most types of recyclables, including:

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- 4 p.m. from April through November, and Wednesdays, 3 - 7 p.m. from May to September. For more information on what you can recycle at the Drop Off Center, see the Public Works Department (DPW) homepage at www.londonderry-nh.org.

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Residents can drop off automotive anti-freeze, radiator flushed fluid, car waxes and gasoline, safely and free of charge twice a year from 9 a.m. to noon: in May at West Running Brook Middle School in Derry, off Route 28; and in November in Londonderry at the Nelson Fields complex on Sargent Road (LAFA).

Check the DPW homepage for dates.

Lastly, you have many options when your vehicle is "at the end of its road." You can use it as a trade-in, donate it to a charitable cause (Google to find and select one), or sell it for parts. In Londonderry, both S&S Metals Recycling at 196 Rockingham Road (ssmetalrecyclingnh.com) and Murray's Auto Recycling at 55 Hall Road (murraysautorecycling.com) sell used auto parts and purchase old cars.

In Part 2 of this column, we will talk about Motor Oil recycling.

OBITUARY

Henrietta "Babe" Halde



Henrietta "Babe" Halde of Winter Haven, FL went to be with the Lord on Dec. 18, 2019 at the age of 96. She was surrounded by loving family and passed peacefully in her sleep. Babe was born on Sept. 4, 1923 in Londonderry, NH to Ferdina and Albina Cote. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands Donald F. Laferriere and Arthur M. Halde and her eight siblings, Adrien Cote, Jeanne Fenwick, Rene Cote, Lionel Cote, Viola Bourassa, Ernest Cote, Laura Lee and Anita Cartier.

Babe is survived by her six children, Corinne (Paul) Sawtelle, Mary (Richard) Tomaselli, Arline (Peter) Dearborn, Jane (Roger) Bosse, Paul (Terri) Laferriere, and Anne (Gary) Loyed; three step children, Elaine Bournival, Lorry (Mike) Chabot, and Denise Nevins; 14 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, nine step-great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Babe was a longtime resident of the Londonderry area. She stayed active in St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry as she raised her family. She was a wonderful homemaker, and in her younger years, she worked as a factory worker at Klev-Bro Shoe Manufacturing and as a waitress. As a widow and single parent after the death of her first husband, Babe continued to raise her children while running a small business, The Shoe Box. After marrying Arthur and retiring in 1977, they lived in Winter Haven, FL for a number of years until she returned to New Hampshire later in life. Her final years were spent in Winter Haven, close to her two youngest children.

Babe leaves behind a legacy of faith in her Lord and love for her family unmatched by many who have walked this earth, and she will be missed by all. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Babe at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry on Monday July 13 at 11 a.m. The Mass will be live streamed through St. Thomas Aquinas Church media. She will be laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery next to her beloved first husband. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance.

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"UnCommon" Concerts

Londonderry "UnCommon" Concerts on the Common Featuring Brian and Mary Beth - classic rock, on Wednesday, July 15 from 7 - 8 p.m. Streaming Live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ConcertsOnTheCommon/ and www.youtube.com/user/LondonderryCulture/videos/ For a complete schedule and more details visit: www.concertsonthecommon.org/ For more information contact: Stephen

Lee, Londonderry Arts Council, email stephen.lnh@gmail.com

Free Meals

Free July and August Meals in Derry/Londonderry Area opened to everyone. Dinner on July 12, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 5 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner on July 18, at St Luke's Church from 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner on July 19, at Elijah's Table (EHS) from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Continental Breakfast on July 26, at Church of the

Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Lunch on July 26 at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Dinner on July 31 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Dinner on Aug. 9 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 5 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 15 at St Luke's Church from 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 16 at Elijah's Table (EHS) from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Continental Breakfast on Aug. 22 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Dinner on Aug. 28 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Lunch on Aug. 30 at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sonshine Soup Kitchen - will be serving drive-by to-go meals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. If you need food, call 437-2833, ext. 1, and leave a message. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will get back to you to make an appointment for you to pick up food outside of its building.

Victory Baptist Church 40th Anniversary

Victory Baptist Church of Londonderry celebrates their 40th Anniversary this Sunday, July 12 at 11 a.m. Families, friends and all visitors are welcome to attend this special day. The morning service will include: heart-stirring music provided by the Victory Baptist Choir & special groups, congregational hymn singing, and a practical Bible message from the current pastor, Rev. Tim Hawkins. Victory's founding pastor, Rev. Calvin Fuller, has been invited to speak in the afternoon service at 1:30 p.m. A fellowship luncheon will be served to all in attendance. There will be plenty of seating and spacing for social distancing. Families will be encouraged to sit

together with their visitors. For more information, please call (603) 434-2215 or visit our website at www.vbcnh.com

Londonderry Republican Summer BBQ

The Londonderry Republican Committee will be holding a summer family BBQ on Thursday, July 23 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Londonderry Post 27 - American Legion Hall, 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. Special guest speakers will be our 2020 Republican Candidates for Federal, State, and Rockingham County elected positions. Come, meet, hear, and decide who will get your vote Sept. 8. You will have an opportunity to pick up signs of your favorite candidates and to donate to their campaign to ensure they are elected. The suggested donation is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple, and children 12 and under eat free. Bring the whole family to enjoy an old fashioned Patriotic Evening with the Candidates. There will be music, a raffle, great speakers, and lots of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and desserts. A cash bar will be provided for alcohol and soda. Please Pre-register: Liz Thomas at eathomas@comcast.net or call Liz at 603-437-6090.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Aug. 7 & 26, from 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. 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.

Time to quit?

Vaping and Your Health Workshop Available remotely by the Upper Room during June. This

workshop is for Teen & Young Adults up to age 24.

Meals on Wheels

The Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens is offering a drive thru pick-up at the Londonderry Senior Center Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The address of the senior center is 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Pick up time is between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Meals are served with milk, dessert and bread. Selections need to be made one week in advance. The June menu is now available and can be mailed to you. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal helps to offset costs for those that cannot afford meals. If you are interested, please call the Senior Affairs Director, Cathy Blash at 432-8554 and leave a message. Your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Cancellation Of Summer Recreation Program

After careful consideration, the Town has decided to cancel the 2020 Summer Recreation Program, also referred to as the Summer Playground Program, which is usually held at one of the elementary schools. The Recreation Department has determined it is not feasible to hold the Summer Recreation Program in light of the school building closures as well as the draft guidelines for Summer Day Camps promulgated by the Governor's Re-Opening Task Force. While we are disappointed, it remains our main goal to keep everyone safe and healthy this summer, and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

Calling Town Hall

In order to serve you better and for our clerks to more efficiently process your online and drop-off transactions, we have temporarily rerouted all clerk phone lines to one individual in Town Hall. Should you need to reach us by phone (432-1100) and are unable to do so, we are likely on the other line, so please leave a message and we will get back to you within 24 hours. Alternatively or in the meantime, you may always visit our

website (www.londonderry-nh.org) where there are a variety of "how to" documents for each Department which provide step-by-step instructions on conducting resident transactions.

Raising another's child?

Upper Rooms Grandparent & caregiver support group is on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free, live on Zoom facilitated by The Upper Room. Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support. To access, visit: www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559, Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizab@urteachers.org.

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Food Pantry Open

The Upper Room's Food Pantry is open for contact-free pick up at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Hours are Mondays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays* 3 - 4 p.m., and by appointment (front entrance) *Please note that the food pantry will be closed Thursday, July 2.

Raising a teenager?

Upper Rooms Parent & caregiver café (PaCC) is on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies.

Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30

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OBITUARY

Anna "Jean" Munt



Anna "Jean" Munt, 75, of Tilton, NH, formerly of Londonderry, NH, passed away Sunday June 28, 2020 at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton, after a period of declining health. She was born Nov. 18, 1944 in Pikeville, TN and was a daughter of the late Joseph Quintal and Flora Mae (Hancock) Watts. Jean was a resident of Londonderry for many years, prior to relocating to the Veteran's Home seven years ago.

Jean served her country as a member of the US Navy during the early years of the Vietnam War era. She was employed for many years as an admitting clerk at Parkland Medical Center. She enjoyed reading, knitting and loved spending time with family.

Members of the family include three daughters and their spouses, Rhonda J. and John Kelley, Christine K. Hupps and Denise L. and Jason Adams. Four granddaughters, Lindsay E. Kelley, Janelle C. Kelley, Lydia L. Kelley and Brynn T. Adams, three grandsons, Jonathan E. Hupps, Jacob Adams and Matthew Adams, a great granddaughter, Abby Durgin and a great grandson, Bryson J. Wojcshonek, her sister, Helen F. Nelson and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jean was predeceased by her beloved husband Anthony G. Munt in 2004 and by a granddaughter, Emily D. Kelley. Also in 2004

Due to the current restrictions, private services were held by the family. After cremation, burial will be at Pillsbury Cemetery of Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made by going to www.nh.gov/veterans/support to fill out a donation form and checks may be mailed to: the NH Veterans Home 139 Winter St., Tilton, NH 03276.

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a.m., facilitated by The Upper Room, weekly free remote support programs are available. To access: Contact Beth O'Connell at

eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

Caregiver Resource Line

Have parenting questions? Upper Room

offers Parent & caregiver resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and contact number, and a trained professional will return your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please

call 911.

Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is

a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - June 22

8:33 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

11:40 a.m. Overdose reported at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

12:04 p.m. Services rendered for Fire on High Range Road.

1:24 p.m. Missing person transported to the hospital from Windsor Boulevard.

2:21 p.m. Eight officers responded to a Suicide Attempt/Threat and assist with transportation to the hospital from Crestview Circle.

9:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Orchard View Drive at Apple Tree Mall.

Tuesday - June 23

2:50 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated

on Pinyon Place.

5:50 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Constitution Drive.

5:59 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Iris Lane.

7:54 p.m. Welfare Check made by three officers and transported to the hospital from Golen Drive.

7:59 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department on Pinyon Place.

Wednesday - June 24

1:32 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Arlington Street, Nashua. Edwin Francisco Soto, 29, of Nashua charged with possession of a Controlled Drug: Heroin Crack more than one gram and less than five grams.

3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest at Phantom Fireworks on Londonderry Road. Jason

Gaff, 44, of Everett, Mass. charged with Drive After a Revoked/Suspended License; License Required (Operation with expired License for less than 12 months); Unregistered Vehicle.

4:25 p.m. Assault investigated by six officers on Ricker Avenue.

6:20 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Mayflower Drive.

9:06 p.m. Missing Person reported on Chase Road.

Thursday - June 25

2 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department on Sugarplum Lane.

2:28 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Harvey Road.

3:14 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Hovey Road at Pinkerton & Pillsbury Cemetery.

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4:24 p.m. Welfare Check by four officers results in the Transportation to hospital from Chase Road.

7:34 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Orchard View Drive at Workout Club and Wellness Center.

8:17 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers after a disturbance on Litchfield Road.

Friday - June 26

10:51 a.m. Identity Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:37 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Nashua Road at Juliano's Italian Pizzeria.

5:55 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Fairway Road.

9:16 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made Wallace Farm Apartments on Bridle Path. Matthew Prine, 31, of Londonderry charged with three counts of Cruelty to Animals; Negligent.

10:38 p.m. Domestic Disturbance Investigated by six officers on Charleston Avenue.

Saturday - June 27

3:15 a.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Whittemore Road.

6:48 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated on Crestview Circle.

3 p.m. Five officers render services in keeping the peace on Lancaster Drive.

4:03 p.m. Four officers assist with Suicide Attempt/Threat and transportation to the hospital from Lancaster Drive.

5:31 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Iroquois Circle.

6:31 p.m. Services Rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Crabapple Lane.

7:02 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Page Road at Mammoth Road.

7:44 p.m. Peace restored after Criminal Threatening on Rockwood Lane.

9:02 p.m. Peace restored after Disturbance on Royal Lane.

10:25 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Mammoth Road at Page Road.

Sunday - June 28

10:26 a.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Jason Drive.

1:31 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Lance Avenue at Wilson Road.

1:57 p.m. Disturbance Investigated by four officers on Wilshire Drive.

2:38 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated on Lancaster Drive.

4:23 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to hospital on Kelley Road.

7:35 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat Transported To Hospital from Symmes Drive at Reliable Equipment.

9:18 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by six officers on Shenandoah Avenue.

9:51 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Whittemore Road at Mammoth Road.

Monday - June 29

12:47 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Chase Road.

12:56 p.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Harvey Road.

6:29 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Capitol Hill Drive.

8:48 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Cheyenne Avenue at Brook Park Estates Park.

Tuesday - June 30

1:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check results in an arrest made on Garden Lane at Park and Ride South. Tonya Tessier, 38, of Springfield, VT arrested on a Warrant.

12:20 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Nashua Road at Janie's Uncommon Café.

12:44 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at N.H. Liquor Store on Michels Way.

1:53 p.m. Warrant Served and an arrest made on South Road. Richard Russo, 43, of Londonderry charged with providing a False Report to Law Enforcement; Danger/Offense.

2:58 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Rockingham Road at 7-Eleven.

5:30 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Lancaster Drive.

7:28 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Kendall Pond Road.

8:24 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Charleston Avenue.

8:55 p.m. Five officers respond to a disturbance on Beech Hill Drive, resulting in Transportation to a hospital.

Wednesday - July 1

12:05 a.m. Peace restored after a disturbance on Beech Hill Drive.

7:49 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Industrial Drive at Uni-Cast.

3:27 p.m. Overdose investigated on Perkins Road at Twin's Smoke Shop.

3:47 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Nashua Road at TNT Fireworks.

6:59 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to an Arrest on Noyes Road. Seven officers assist with charging Jeffrey St Louis, 58, of Londonderry with Domestic Violence - Assault; and Criminal Threatening - Conduct.

Thursday - July 2

7:50 a.m. Eleven officers assist with serving a Warrant on White Plains Avenue.

10:04 a.m. Warrant served and an arrest made on Barkland Drive. Britany Glasier, 32, of Derry charged with Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

2:52 p.m. Peace restored after a disturbance on Pendleton Lane.

4:03 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Shasta Drive.

6:40 p.m. Warrant served and an Arrest made on By Street in Lowell Mass. Mark Morgera, 32, of Lowell, Mass. charged with four counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault; Physical Contact).

Friday - July 3

3:43 a.m. Five officers respond to an incident of Criminal Threatening, resulting in transportation to a hospital from Happy Lane.

12 p.m. Missing Person taken to Family/Guardian/Other on Royal Lane.

2:25 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace at Major League Auto Sales on Rockingham Road.

8:05 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Scots Place.

10:10 p.m. Arrest made during a Domestic Disturbance on Boyd Road. Donald Martell, 39, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault; Physical Contact).

Saturday - July 4

10:17 a.m. Domestic Disturbance results in an Arrest on Capitol Hill Drive. Mindy Marcelino, 33, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence Simple Assault.

10:28 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Holstein Avenue.

11:49 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Pendleton Lane.

8:09 p.m. Disturbance on South Road Taken/Referred to other

Agency.

Sunday - July 5

11:57 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Royal Lane.

1:31 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.

2:28 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Constitution Drive.

9:01 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Owl Road.

OBITUARY

Mark S. Flood



Mark S. Flood, 56, of Franklin, NH, died Friday July 3, 2020, in his home. He was born in Youngstown, OH on Aug. 12, 1963, a son of the late George and Nancy (Jobes) Flood. He had been a resident of

Franklin for the past couple of years, formerly living in Manchester, NH and Londonderry, NH. Mark had been employed for Summit Packaging in Manchester for over 30 years, more recently working for Home Depot. He enjoyed sports cars, especially his Mustang GT, going to car shows, motocross, and shooting at the range.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Flood of Derry; his daughter, Tatyana Flood; his son, Tyler Flood; his grandson, Abram Salyer; his stepchildren, Cody McFarland, Jason McFarland, Chase McFarland, and Maurice Wells, III; his brother, Clifford "Kip" Flood; two sisters, Karen Glendenning and the late George Glendenning, and Pamela Barker and her husband George Barker; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by two sisters, Deborah Flood in 2008, and Cynthia Mannarini in 2005.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Thursday, July 9 from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to charity of one's choice. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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