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Baby Blues

Four-month-old George Barton was all smiles as he enjoyed the music being played at the Sixth Annual Blues Festival on the Town Common Saturday afternoon. The concert was the first held on the newly-landscaped venue. See more photos on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

School Board Members Discusses Reopening Plan

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry School Board Meeting of Tuesday, Aug. 18 Superintendent Scott Laliberte gave an update on the Implementation of Reopening Plan.

Laliberte reported that the School District is expecting about 80 percent of the students would be in person and the class sizes will be somewhat larger for remote students.

In regard to school staffing, he stated that

right now, the district has one teacher working remotely at Moose Hill and ten across the elementary level, the Middle School has 14 teachers working remotely, and the High School has eight remote currently.

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State Financial Concerns Raised at Town Council

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday, Aug. 17 meeting of the Londonderry Town Council, Town Manager Kevin Smith had a follow up on the idea Councilor Deb Paul suggested several weeks ago on a Free Dump Day.

Smith said that the town had looked into using COVID-19 funds to cover the cost of the idea, and they were approved for it.

Smith said, "The only stipulation is that there be a nexus between the material we're allowing to be dropped off, with it being related to COVID activity that may have taken place over the last

few months."

He added, "How we get to that we're not sure yet, but we'll certainly figure it out."

There other issue would be that a maximum capacity would need to be established, as the Transfer Station can only take in so much trash.

Smith also gave an update on the Town Hall Annex Project, He said the balance remaining on this project is \$316,000, but the bids for the project came in significantly higher. The lowest being \$604,000 and the highest being \$750,000.

He added that this would just be for the

addition, and it would not cover the renovations to the Moose Hill Conference Room.

In light of that shortfall, Smith said he asked Administrative Support Coordinator, Steve Cotton, to look into just finishing the siding on the current building and do some landscaping.

The two items would cost \$5,500 for the siding and the landscaping would be about \$10,000.

Smith suggested that the council give him the approval to go ahead with siding the building before winter, and possibly ask taxpayers to approve the remaining money needed for the

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Zoning Board Debates Entrance Versus Doorway

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 19, members struggled with determining the difference between a door and an entry as they were asked to over-rule a decision made by Londonderry Code Enforcement.

The final hearing of the evening at that meeting dealt with an appeal of an administrative decision of the Code Enforcement Officer's

interpretation of the Accessory Dwellings 5.18.H.1 verbiage,

which reads, in part, "the exterior entry to the accessory dwelling shall not face the street as a second door," at 31 Clover Lane. Lorden Commons, LLC is the Owner & Applicant, and Justin Pasay, a lawyer with Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella presented the case to the board.

In his presentation, Pasey explained that Code Enforcement told his client that the design of their single family

home with an in-law apartment was not allowed, since both points of entry were located on the front of the building.

Pasey had two items on the agenda that evening, but if the board

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Zoning Board Denies Large Sign at New Planet Fitness

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 19, members were asked to allow a variance for a sign over 350 square feet, where only 40 square feet is allowed.

Planet Fitness and Vernco Apple LLC came before the board asking that the Zoning Board allow them to install a 464-square-foot sign on the façade of their unit at the Apple Tree Mall. Currently the maximum is well under that amount, at just 40 square-feet.

To start the hearing, two of the six board members stepped down after recusing themselves from the hearing leaving four voting members.

After that, Chairman Neil Dunn asked that the

board review some of the prior decisions made by the board regarding sign variances.

It was determined that T.J. Max was allowed a maximum of 132-square-feet and Home-wood's was allowed 172.5-square-feet where only 50-square-feet was allowed.

Steve Venezia and Brian Dumont were representing Planet Fitness at the hearing and started with a brief overview of the company saying that the company started in Dover, New Hampshire and has expanded world-wide with 2,000 locations and that they are the fastest growing Health Club model in the world. Adding that the company "Values its stake in the community."

He explained that the façade where the sign would be installed has already been approved, and the sign they are

proposing would be proportional to that area.

Venezia went through the five points of law that is required for a variance.

He explained that the sign poses no threat to the public, and will improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood. He said the sign size would help with viability from the main road and be internally illuminated. He added that substantial justice would be done if granted because it would help the community by having a brand new gym facility and area businesses will benefit by having more foot traffic.

He felt that the smaller sized sign that the town allows would be disproportionate to the façade and would not allow people to see them from the road.

When asked by the board how much larger

is their façade in the mall over some of the other shops there, the two responded it was about three to four times larger.

Dunn argued the point that the gym sign would not be visible from the road by saying that he thought it could be seen when traveling east, and that there is plenty of signage both on Route 102 and at the entrance of the mall.

Venezia responded that the Façade appearance is of critical importance to Planet Fitness, saying that the storefront signage does far more than pylon signage does.

Dunn said he failed to see a loss if the variance wasn't granted.

Venezia said that even though the meeting was about the sign, they felt it was about having Planet Fitness putting its best foot forward, and

that starts with the sign. In the end, the four board members voted 3-1 to deny the variance request.

Also that evening, the board voted unanimously allowed Allison and Jason Buttle in rebuild a front entry deck at 104 Litchfield Road. The couple removed an older cement entry and were rebuilding in the same footprint, but it was encroaching into the 40-foot setback from the street.

OBITUARY

Robert (Bob) E. O'Connor



Robert (Bob) E. O'Connor, Jr., 59, passed away at Brigham & Women's Hospital on Aug. 21, surrounded by his heartbroken family after a courageous battle with melanoma.

Family meant everything to Bob and he was always happiest spending time with Carolyn and their three boys - Ian, Kyle and Brice. Together Bob and Carolyn built their boys a loving home and a childhood brimming with joyful memories - backyard forts and ice rinks that Bob built; late-night hockey games; rounds of golf; orchard bonfires and basement parties filled with family and friends; Cape vacations with the BC gang; and countless more happy memories and life lessons learned. Throw in two German Shepherds, three chocolate and one black Labrador, tons more hockey and Bob was in love with his full life.

Bob was born the youngest of three boys on April 2, 1961 in Germany and grew up in Billerica, MA. He was a four-year, standout goalie for the Billerica High School hockey team and went on to play at Boston College before finishing his career in the Winnipeg Jets organization. In 1996, he was inducted into the Billerica High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a hard-working and dedicated employee of Market Basket for 31 years. Bob was the Assistant Manager of the bustling South Nashua, NH store 13.

Bob will be deeply missed by his loving wife Carolyn; his boys and their life partners (whom Bob proudly referred to as "his girls") Ian O'Connor and LeighAnn Dudek of Stoneham, MA; Kyle and Blaine O'Connor of Warwick, RI; Brice O'Connor and Samantha Loring of Falmouth, ME; and adorable grandsons Declan and Keegan, who are already proving to be loving brothers. Bob is also survived by his father Robert and brothers Mike and Tom; mother-in-law Carol Lecomte; sisters-in-law Linda Lecomte and Judie Velleca; brother-in-law John Lecomte; a niece, and several nephews.

Bob was predeceased by his mother Christine, father-in-law John E. Lecomte, and family dogs Champ and Thunder.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church, 71 Central St. Stoneham on Thursday at 10 a.m. Visitation for relatives and friends will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield on Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's name can be made to The Friends of Dana Farber, 450 Brookline Ave., Suite 120, Boston, MA 02215.

Town Council

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construction project on the March ballot.

Town Councilor Tom Dolan expressed his nervousness about revenues going forward, recommended that the town look for every opportunity to delay any expenditures. "Wait for tomorrow, and let's see what tomorrow brings us in terms of revenue."

Dolan said.

Smith clarified that the money allocated for this project cannot be used for anything other than what it was voted for, and cannot be used for revenue shortfalls.

They decided to just button up the building and wait until spring to decide on landscaping.

Earlier in the meeting, during Public Comment, Dolan, who is also a State Representative

for the town, stated that his interactions with the state are telling him that the economic shutdown we have experienced over the past few months will play into the states budget process. He added that there would be significant work done at the state to reprioritize state revenues that have shrunk considerably.

Dolan felt that there would be far less money

coming from the state this year. "So as we get ready to enter budget season, we need to keep our belt very tight, because there is going to be an economic impact that started this past February and is going to extended into next year." He also felt the message needs to flow to the school department as well, because he felt they would be more impacted than the town.

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Three Rebublicans Hope for County Commissioner Seat

There will be three candidates for County Commissioner looking for voter support in the State Primary on Sept. 8.

The Londonderry Times asked each for a brief bio to help our readers be better informed.

Bruce R. Breton

Dear Voters of Rockingham County,

I have been privileged to serve my community in many capacities. I was proud to be elected to the Board Of Selectmen (6 Terms), and have

served on the Capital Improvement Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Most recently, I was appointed to the New Hampshire Ground Water Trust.

Through my broad range of experience, I have acquired a deep working knowledge of the functions of our local governments, an appreciation for the responsibilities to the people they serves, and an understanding of the unique challenges Rockingham

County faces. By listening to the Residents of Rockingham County, our public employees and Business Owners, as well as Boards in surrounding towns, I have learned what works in our government.

I seek to serve as your Commissioner out of a simple desire to make an even more wonderful place to live. While Rockingham County has so much to offer, I also see a lot of potential in this County, and I believe I can help Rockingham County live up to that potential.

As a Commissioner, I will foster transparency, and I will be a strong advocate for decisions that are in the best interest of Rockingham County. I will always approach fiscal responsibility with intelligence and discipline. I will work to foster a rich, creative and innovative environment for our to County government. I will apply my passion and dedication to help create a plan for Rockingham County that leads us soundly into the future while honoring where we have been.

But I cannot do any of this, without your vote. Thanks in advance for your support and vote on

September 8. Lets Keep Rockingham County Great

Respectfully yours,
Bruce R. Breton

Brian Chirichiello

Brian has lived in Rockingham County most all of his life. Married 35 years with 2 daughters.

Self employed real estate agent, 20yrs.

5 Terms as a Derry Town Councilor Dist 4 (15 yrs.)

5 Terms Derry State Rep (10 yrs.)

6 Years on Rockingham County Delegation Executive Committee Chair of County Attorney Budget.

I am the only candidate running that has ANY county experience and will be able to work as Commissioner on day 1. No learning curve for me. I am running to keep Rockingham County taxes low, and great place to raise a family. This year, I was instrumental in decreasing the county budget by 600k which results in a lower budget over previous year budget. A savings for the taxpayers.

Having a working relationship with the department heads and knowledge of an 89M budget

will be a benefit to the people living in Rockingham County.

Www.brian4rcc.com is where you can get additional info on my campaign.

Janet Fairbanks

My name is Janet Fairbanks and I am running for District III Rockingham

County Commissioner. My husband and I moved to Derry in 1985 where we have resided for 35 years. I attended Oswego Catholic High School and Oswego State University. I was a stay-at-home mother to my children, Justin and Jennifer, for 10 years. For the last twenty years, I have worked in accounting, responsible for maintaining corporate records and coordinating corporate payroll. I currently serve as Treasurer on the Board of Directors with Mallard's Landing Association.

I served as Derry Town Councilor for two consecutive terms and was a

Councilor liaison to various boards and committees during my tenure. Of all the projects I helped spearhead as Councilor, one of my

proudest accomplishments was the paving of the Derry Rail Trail. The Rail Trail is the most utilized "park" in Derry and this project encouraged other towns, like Londonderry, to continue the effort.

I am a strong taxpayer advocate. While serving on the Derry Town Council, I was fiscally responsible, putting the needs of my constituents first and foremost before the demands of the employee unions.

There is a proposal for the construction of an estimated 40 million dollar building within the Rockingham County complex. While one of my opponents is in favor of this project, I am not. If elected, I promise that I would not vote to raise the county tax rate or debt load during this most difficult of economic times.

To the citizens of Auburn, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Londonderry, Northwood, Nottingham and Windham, I humbly ask for your support by voting for me in the primary on September 8, 2020.

Thank you
Janet Fairbanks

OBITUARY

Bob Rice



Bob Rice, 73, of Londonderry, NH, died Friday Aug. 21, 2020 in his home. He was born in Heathsville, VA on June 28, 1947, a son of the late E.C. "Joe" and Viola (Carter) Rice. Originally from Virginia, he had been a resident of Londonderry since 2000. Mr. Rice was a US Army veteran. He retired from Mitre as an IT network engineer. Mr. Rice volunteered with the Red Cross, was a former dispatcher for the Londonderry Fire Dept., and was an EMS volunteer in Virginia for over 20 years. He enjoyed fixing things and was a problem solver extraordinaire.

He is survived by his son, David Rice of Londonderry; two daughters, Betsy Southward (Tom) of Mechanicsville, VA, and Jennifer Owren of Quinton, VA; four grandchildren; and his brother, Donald Rice of Manhattan, KS. He was predeceased by his wife, Lynn (Mills) Rice in 2019, and his sister, Jane Rice.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Wednesday, Aug. 26 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A memorial service followed in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Bob Rice to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.jimmyfund.org/gift.

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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 Primary on Sept. 8, and 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 just choose a name

they've heard or someone their friends suggest, but a candidate whose views they have studied – 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.

For incumbents their records are open books, 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. Look at and question the new candidates as well.

Every voter has the opportunity to study and engage with each candidate and to think for him or her self. No one should tell you how to vote. It's your checkbook and your lifestyle and your world choices 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 ballots as if the country and our way of life depend on it.

Because they do.

Headline Questioned Once Again During Public Comment

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Jake Butler, a member of the Londonderry Planning Board, and the son of Town Councilor Jim Butler, recently appeared before the Town Council during Public Comment to ask for a correction to be run on the headline from a Planning Board story written for the May 14 Londonderry Times.

This is the third time Jake has tried to discredit Councilor/Publisher Deb Paul for what he felt was an inaccurate headline. Jake claims she and the paper never made any effort to run a correction.

Below is the clarification that ran in the June 11 paper, shortly after Jake's first attempt to discredit Deb Paul.

I'd like to also mention that I was the one who wrote the headline, and I stand by how it was written.

The Ratte's were not allowed to build a home on their property without first improving the road, thus, they were 'denied'.

I'm not sure why Jake had such a problem with this headline, since it most definitely, accurately portrayed what the Ratte's were going through at the time.

Clarification to Planning Board (Written June 11)

During the last Planning Board meeting, on Wednesday, June 3, when members opened the continued discussion on the potential construction of a home on Brewster Road, member Jake Butler made some incorrect statements that I think need to be corrected.

Butler referenced a frontpage article in the paper, from May 14, which he claimed the Londonderry Times incorrectly stated that the Planning Board denied the Ratte's from building a home for their son on Brewster Road, a Class VI roadway.

The headline in that article read, "Building Permit Denied Until Brewster Road Gets Improved." That headline was in reference to what the Ratte's were

told by the Planning and Building Department and the Londonderry Fire Department.

The article clearly stated that the Ratte's were at the Planning Board meeting for a conceptual discussion, to recommend or not to recommend to the Town Council building on the road.

No decision was made at that meeting, and would be made after the board held a site walk on Brewster Road.

I believe Butler was reacting to comments made about the article he saw posted on Facebook and the comments made about it, not the article itself.

Butler also made some editorial comments about the newspaper and its publisher, who was attending the meeting via Zoom.

Certainly in poor taste, and the chair should have stopped him long before he was allowed to make that huge deviation from the discussion at hand.

Chris Paul
Londonderry

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Letters

If it Applies to One...

To the editor,
After reading "Town Attorney Explains Conflict of Interest Rules" I am still left feeling they are not being applied equitably across the board. One of the statements made included the phrase "... officer or employee, or a member of his or her family directly or indirectly has

a financial or gainful interest ...". Taken literally that precludes just about any of our Councilors from voting on anything. The gist of the report was that that kind of constraint was being applied not to just voting but to whether a Councilor could even comment publicly on some matter.

I do not wish to suggest anything adverse

about Jim Butler as I view the particular situation I shall recount quite legitimate. None the less, it is an example I can recall. In 2018 he spoke publicly as a private citizen concerning support for Richard Flier at a ZBA meeting. I am given to understand that a member of his family had a business relationship with Mr. Flier at that

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Mystery of Vintage Londonderry Fire Trucks Solved

ANN CHIAMPA
SUBMISSION

Recently, a lovingly crafted vintage wooden toy “replica” of a Londonderry Fire Department ladder truck with the initials “A.J.D.” painted on it caught the eye of Ann Chiampa, Londonderry Historical Society curator. It was listed on eBay by a seller from Pennsylvania. A short time later, a similarly handmade “Super Foam Tanker” truck with the name Adam J. Dick on its side was also posted on eBay, this time by someone else in Maryland. After acquiring both fire trucks and curious to find out who Adam J. Dick was and some history about the items, she made an inquiry on the local Facebook page, “You know you grew up in Londonderry, NH, when you remember...”

Well, lo and behold, who should answer the post but Adams’s moth-

er, Kathryn Thompson Williams.

This past Sunday, she and her husband, Dean, traveled back to Londonderry for the Open Air Museum Day held at the Londonderry Historical Society grounds to once again see the fire trucks and connect with the curator to fill in the back story of how they came to be. She explained that years ago, she and her family had lived in Londonderry, and her dad, Jeffrey Thompson, Adam’s grandfather, lived next door in Derry. He used to create different wooden vehicles for each of his grandchildren, and it was he who hand crafted both of the bright red, two-foot-long fire trucks for Adam, with some pretty interesting engineering on the ladder truck and some odds and ends that outfit both. They happened to be made a couple of years after Adam’s uncle, Alfred Dick, who



Toy Fire Trucks created for former Londonderry resident Adam J. Dick.

started in 1942 as a Call Fireman for the town of Derry, had retired from his position as Derry’s Fire Chief.

Kathryn estimated it was probably in the late

1970’s that the fire trucks were sold at either a yard sale or at a local flea market, something she and her family often enjoyed doing together back then.



Kathryn Thompson Williams with fire trucks on display. Photos by Ann Chiampa.

However, she had no idea how the fire trucks found their way to Pennsylvania and Maryland, but was thrilled to find out that so many years

later they are now “back home” in Londonderry. She was very excited to share that news with her son Adam and the rest of the family.

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time and thus had a financial interest that could have been adversely affected when the ZBA denied the request. I repeat, I do not consider Jim’s support as out of place at that meeting and do not think the family connection had anything to do with it. I cite the exam-

ple only because I fail to see the distinction between that and Ms. Paul’s public comments, as a citizen, relating to the School District or Old Home Day.

Are we to block all town news reporting because one of our Councilors happens to own a publishing business.

David Ellis
Londonderry

Trump Is Hoover Reincarnated

To the editor,
During hoax President Trump’s coronavirus briefings he exaggerated the quantities of equipment and supplies sent to the states. He played doctor without a license by recommending the possible use of unverified treatments. Trump contradicted

medical experts, including experts on infectious diseases. Trump’s delay in implementing the Defense Production Act exacerbated shortages of ppe. Trump’s reopening of the country has caused the coronavirus to surge in a number of states.

Unlike preceding

presidents Trump has not asked for input from existing past presidents. Instead Trump has criticized Obama and Bush for handling of their crises.

Hoax President Trump’s incompetent and dangerously weak response to the coronavirus is similar to Presi-

dent Herbert Hoover’s incompetence during the Great Depression. Hoover did not seek advice about combating the depression, delayed taking action to control the Great Depression, and Hoover had a strong need to be thanked and congratulated.

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lated. Trump reincarnated Hoover.

We need a leader to mobilize a national effort to fight the coronavirus, including widespread testing, but instead we have a narcissistic President who makes ridiculous comments, goes off on blundering tangents, berates people, blames governors and past presidents for problems, fights with reporters, lies to the public, and adores dictators.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Views of QAnon

To the editor,
I would like to ask the six Republican candidates for NH State Representative for our district to chime in on their views of QAnon. Is it a good source of information? Do they subscribe to QAnon? Do they recommend that their constituents go to QAnon for news and information?

Yours truly,
Amy Lapwing Pitts
Londonderry

Schools & COVID

To the editor,
My name is Amy Finamore, I am a member of Londonderry's School Board, but speak only for myself in this letter.

COVID-19 has changed nearly everything we know about public

schools and public education. If schooling ever returns to "normal", it will be years from now. We are right to grieve for the loss of these experiences for our children. Little did we know when our kids got off the bus one day in March, they had already had their last routine school day. For those who do return, the innocence of recess and small group work and lunch in the cafeteria are no more.

For a moment however, I want to talk about the opportunity now before us. We have the chance to reimagine how K-12 education is delivered. Typically, when we discuss improving public education, or public schools, we talk about incremental improvements to the current system. We now have the opportunity to truly innovate within this sphere. Ideas that were nonstarters even one year ago are now realities. Could a hybrid schedule be a long-term solution to space needs in schools? Could remote education continue to serve some students and families?

I personally believe school systems should leverage this opportunity. We can reevaluate our curriculum to ensure we are supporting the long-term needs of our students. Our students need skills in communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. How do we use in-person, hybrid and remote options to develop and strengthen these skills in our children?

How do we use our remote days to develop accountability and independence in our students? Can we make connections between the school year of today with the challenges we will need to solve tomorrow?

Please join me in exploring these questions, and offering your ideas. I can be reached at afinamore@londonderry.org. Our next school board meeting, which is focusing on updates to the reopening plan, is September 1st at 7pm in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria.

Thank you,
Amy Finamore

100 Reasons to Run

To the editor,
Over 100 Americans die each day by gun violence, including suicide. And now, with families facing growing economic insecurity, and with an historic spike in gun sales, the risks of gun suicide are on the rise.

Seventeen years ago, a family member attempted suicide by a gunshot to the head. Miraculously, he survived, but our family has lived with the sobering after effects of that attempt years later.

Before shooting himself, my relative was going through a very difficult time. He was depressed and without the access to mental health support that may have helped him. We knew he was suicidal and we knew he had a

handgun. We spoke to professionals, but all of them returned with the same answer: "nothing can be done to limit his access to guns".

And, because New Hampshire didn't have an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) law on the books, they were right. ERPO laws help families and law enforcement to temporarily restrict access to firearms by people who are clearly in crisis, and an imminent threat to themselves or others.

An overwhelming 90 percent of gun deaths in New Hampshire are suicides, and the rate of gun suicides in NH increased by 55% between 2009 and 2018. We know that the number one determinant of whether a suicide attempt results in death is the method used. Nearly 90% of suicide attempts using a gun end in death. By contrast, just 4% of suicide attempts by means other than a gun result in death. And, the vast majority of people who survive a suicide attempt do not go on to die by suicide with another attempt.

We know that most individuals involved in mass shootings exhibited at least one warning sign to family members, or others around them, that they posed a risk to the themselves or others.

Among NH voters, and across the country, ERPO laws have broad bi-partisan support. And, ERPO laws don't threaten NH's proud culture of responsible gun ownership. ERPO laws have been upheld in the

courts as constitutional, and NH's HB687 contained robust due process.

In July, Governor Sununu vetoed HB687, an ERPO bill that I supported through my volunteer work with Moms Demand Action and upon which I testified before both the NH House and Senate. The bill passed through both chambers only to die with a veto on Sununu's desk. None of Londonderry's Republican representatives (Baldasaro, Lundgren, Dolan, McKinney, Packard, or Thomas), or Senator Carson, voted in support of the bill.

I'm running for State Rep because I believe that who represents our interests in Concord is vitally important to the lives of Londonderry residents. For too long, we've allowed an insular and protected group of multi-term Republican retirees decide the interests of our growing town. It's time for new leadership and to elect representatives who are responsive to the needs of our growing and increasingly diverse community. I ask for your vote in September's primary and in November's general election.

Robin Skudlarek
Londonderry

Support for Massahos!

To the editor,
With the New Hampshire primary election nearly upon us, it is imperative that the voters of Rockingham County make their voices heard. This year, one

of the most important contested races is that of the Rockingham County Sheriff. The choice in this race is crystal clear and that choice is to re-elect Sheriff Massahos to another term!

Sheriff Massahos has kept every promise he made when he ran and was elected overwhelmingly in 2018. Under Chuck's leadership and direction, the distinguished members of the Sheriffs Office have delivered a level of law enforcement services never seen before in our County. The expansion of the Rockingham County Drug Task Force, the largest seizure of Fentanyl in our state's history, and the overall enhancement of our school safety preparedness along with the ability to respond to and mitigate active shooter scenarios, are just a few examples of the public safety enhancements made under Chuck's leadership!

As a lifelong resident of Rockingham County and as a successful business leader in our community, Chuck has demonstrated a commitment to both our safety and our economic well-being. We are fortunate to have his leadership and dedication as the Sheriff of Rockingham County! Let's make sure we return him to office and support him in his mission to create a safer and more secure environment for all of us.

Vote Chuck Massahos, High Sheriff of Rockingham County.

Regards,
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Londonderry

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Londonderry Teens Attend the Democratic National Convention

Last week, on Tuesday night, Aug. 17, at the Democratic National Convention, Democrats discussed their vision for bringing steady leadership to Washington D.C., and how they can include the next generation of leaders on issues such as health care, climate change, and national security.

At the convention two younger members of the Londonderry community voiced their opinions on the direction of the nation.

For Erin Strike, a junior at Londonderry High School and a Democratic National Convention Page, commented that this week's convention hit close to home. She said, "Like many other

people my age, I know my generation will be impacted by so many issues that up until recently, we were too young to have control over, like climate change and affordable health care. Now, young people like me are ready to step up and make a change. We know that by electing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, we will be electing leaders who will stand by their commitment to uplifting the next generation of young and progressive leaders, who feel the urgency to solve these problems as much as I do."

Also at the Convention, recent Londonderry High School graduate, Gia Komst the 2020 New Hampshire delega-

tion's youngest member, also added her thoughts on how this week's convention hits close to home: "Including the next generation of leaders on issues like health care, climate change, and national security for

this year's Democratic National Convention theme is really important to me because as young people, we are the ones who will live with the effects of any major decisions made on these issues. We can

bring new ideas to the table and voice our opinions on how we want our future to look for ourselves and our own children one day - and we know that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are the leaders that

will not only give us a platform to speak about our ideas, but they will listen and heed them. I'm so excited to help elect them and Democrats up and down the ticket in November."

Zoning

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agreed with his first request, the second would not be necessary.

Pasey started by giving a brief overview of the area, and explained that the home would have a large entry-way on the left side of a one-story building facing the street, with a two car garage in the center, and a smaller entry on the right side of the garage with a porch and the second door would be facing the garage.

He further explained that his client and Code Enforcement Officer Richard Canuel have a difference of opinion in determining the meaning the Accessory Dwellings ordinance's reference to the second entryway.

He explained that Canuel's position was

that there couldn't be two doors on the front façade of a home, period, regardless of the direction that they face. Pasey added that his firm disagrees, "From a construction standpoint, we satisfy the plain language of the ordinance."

The focus of the issue came down to an opinion on whether the door or the porch could be considered the "entry" of the Accessory Dwelling.

Pasey referred to the dictionary for a definition: "Entry means door, and face means to have the front oriented toward."

He argued that there isn't a second door facing the street and added that the second door cannot be seen from the street.

He also argued that the person buying the home did not want it to

look like a two-family home, that is why it was designed the way that it was.

He finished by saying that he feels that the language in the ordinance has been satisfied by his client, because the intention of the ordinance is to keep homes from looking like duplexes.

When asked for clarification on Canuel's interpretation of the ordinance by the board, Canuel said, "To gain access to the primary residence, your front door is your entry. To gain access to the Accessory Dwelling Unit is through that entrance that is on the front of the house." He added that the town's position is that the entryway is fac-

ing the street, and is not allowed.

Canuel also added "I'm really interested in what the boards decision is on this particular case, because this is going to assist us in my office on how we interpret and apply this ordinance going forward."

Canuel also confirmed that the intent of the language in the ordinance was to keep homes from looking like duplexes.

In a split decision, 3-2, members of the zoning board decided in favor of the applicant, saying that the direction the door is facing should be the determining factor of how many entrances are on the front of the home moving forward.

OBITUARY

Robert Van Nostrand Jr.



Robert Van Nostrand Jr., 60, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Boston, MA on July 12, 1960, son of Beverley (Boucher) of Burlington, MA and the late Robert Van Nostrand, Sr.

Bob grew up in Burlington, MA and graduated from Shawsheen Valley Technical School in 1978. He was the owner and operator of Londonderry Locksmith for 25 years. Prior to owning his own business, he worked at Post Office Lock in Lowell, MA and MA/COM in Burlington, MA. Bob loved animals and the outdoors; camping, gardening, motorcycling, and bird watching where among his favorite past times. He was a talented craftsman and amateur photographer, beautifully capturing his loved ones, scenic views, wildlife, and the cosmos.

In addition to his mother, Bob is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Susan (Mantia) Van Nostrand of Londonderry; daughter, Racheal Tsihlis and her husband, Charles of North Chelmsford, a brother, Wayne Van Nostrand of Burlington, MA, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Aug. 21, 2020 in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Research Institute, www.cancerresearch.org/join-the-cause/donate/one-time-donation. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance.

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The Londonderry Town Common finally had an event held on the newly landscaped lawn with the Sixth Annual Blues Festival on Saturday, Aug. 22. The event featured an afternoon of free music from the Deep Fried Blues Band, Adam McMahon and Larry Dougher Blues Band and Dr. Harps All-Veteran Blues Band. Although the crowd was a bit smaller this year, folks were able to enjoy some good music, food, fresh air and comradery for a good cause.

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School Board

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District-wide, special education are working remotely K-12. Enrollment changes daily and the district is watching home schooling over remote learning. There have been 15 additional requests for home schooling and currently there have been 107 approved home school students as of the School Board meeting that evening. Laliberte said, "We typically have 90-100."

There will be a handbook addendum that specifically addresses COVID-19 related accommodations. The district is working on public health rules such as masks. The information calls for a double layer of fabric.

Laliberte said, "We have not found anything that prohibits neck gaiters if they are of a certain thickness. There is nothing in the CDC or New Hampshire public health guidelines."

As for transportation to and from school, 2,986 surveys were returned by families and routing has begun. From that survey it was determined that 1,823 students need transportation and 1,074 do not.

Athletic Director Howard Sobolov and Head Athletic Trainer, Michelle Hart-Miller were attending the meeting and looking for direction from the board. The

NHIAA have classified sports according to the level of risk and has adjusted start dates for competition. They are not going to prohibit sports, but let individual districts make decisions.

School Board member Amy Finamore said for the students returning in person safety is very important. How does sports align to that goal? Everything is around cohorts and to reduce interaction how does sports serve the goal that we are reducing exposure.

Sobolov said they have developed protocol talks about the precautions we would take and part of our return to play guidelines would be structuring of teams at practices with cohorts. Many sports took place this summer and put in small groups and that was the workout group. He explained how this worked during the summer. We can control what we can control no different than school. If they can't socially distance, they will need facemasks. When on the field, they are in competition and not every sport can be social distanced. Of all the sports held this summer, we haven't had any positive tests. He is confident given our protocol it is fair to participate and good for social and emotional of students. He felt it is an important part of the educational experience. Masks are

permitted, but when in competition it is not required in sports.

Finamore also asked if COVID tests are being given to the athletes.

Hart-Miller said no, but if there was a student with symptoms, they would quarantine and request a test. Temperatures are taken every day and parents sign a waiver and self-evaluation is done each day by students. Practices will be starting on Sept. 8.

Registration numbers are right on target to last year.

School Board Chair Mike Saucier asked an email question on if the 14-day quarantine is for anybody that travels outside New England. Hart-Miller said she called the N.H. Department of Health to clarify. New Hampshire doesn't recognize a negative test; it must be a 14-day quarantine. People need to be honest and it would be very difficult to enforce.

Saucier asked Laliberte what role does the Board play in this. The Superintendent said by advocating statewide responsibility to each local district, they are looking for the Boards to approve. The advanced work is being done, but it would be helpful for the Board to hear the overall plan and will have more immediate information in two weeks on what numbers look like. The NHIAA put

the local district in the position that we need to get approved participation.

Sobolov said the teams would play the same local teams; Alvirne, Windham, Pinkerton, Timberlane and Londonderry. They would only play these teams and could include other divisions like Pelham or Salem.

Member Bob Slater asked if a plan will be

put together for the Sept. 1 meeting. Sobolov said the protocols and guidelines will be finalized and presented and will be sport specific.

Member Steve Young asked about transportation and the people not needing transportation. He felt we need to drill down and how many are staying home or are being dropped off. He would like to know this and what is the end

result of the distancing on the busses. He would like to know the industry studies in that area of siblings on the bus and how it actually works out.

Please note: Information for this article was derived from draft meeting minutes, provided by the school district, as the video for the meeting was unavailable.

Airport Officer Lends a Helping Hand



On Monday morning, Aug. 24 at about 5 a.m., Officer Randy Dyer, far right, of the Londonderry Police Department, was called to the Southwest Airlines ticket counter at Manchester Boston Regional Airport to assist a passenger. Officer Dyer learned that a woman was stranded in New Hampshire along with her two-year-old daughter and very little money. Officer Dyer contacted the department's Chaplain, Gerry Goncalo, second from left, and the two of them worked with Southwest Airlines and purchased the woman a ticket to Chicago. They also purchased some food before their flight for them.

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A Brief History Lesson on the Londonderry Rail Trail

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We are indebted to our Londonderry forefathers, who have been fine stewards of our natural resources over the Town's 300-year history. Despite enormous growth in population the last 60 years - from 2,500* in 1960 to over 26,000 today - the Town still offers rustic countryside with multiple apple orchards, abundant ball fields, over 1,000 acres in the Musquash Conservation Area, and a network of walking trails throughout our 41.9 square miles. (*The 1830 census counted fully 1,469 residents!)

While Londonderry has convenient highway access to northern New Hampshire and south to Boston and beyond, it also benefits in a quieter way, from being one of

the 16 fortunate communities that host a portion of the 125-mile Granite State Rail Trail. This route stretches from Lebanon on the Vermont border to Salem on the Massachusetts line. Volunteer groups from each town along the Trail are hard at work redeveloping former rail roads that will one day all be linked.

Born as a Railroad

The period from 1830-1860 is when railroads first took off. At their peak, 300,000 miles of track had been laid across America, six times today's length of interstate highways. It has been said that the train depot replaced the village green as the center of New England towns after 1850.

The Manchester and Lawrence Railroad opened in 1849, bringing freight and passenger

service between Manchester and Boston for the first time. The Boston & Maine Railroad, which dominated New England, acquired the line in 1887. B&M rail lines fueled the development of New England's manufacturing cities, generated tourism and diminished the isolation of life in the country.

Londonderry's main station was on Mammoth Road just north of Hall Road, a site known as the Londonderry village. A fire in 1921 destroyed the village, including the station, the Annis Grain & Lumber mill, the post office, general store and one home. An old passenger car served as a station until 1930, when the small station at Wilson Crossing - where Auburn Road now meets Verani Way - replaced it. Wilson Depot had closed early

in World War I.

End of the Line

The advent of automobiles signaled the end of railroad dominance, followed by the Great Depression. After a surge during World War II, rail transportation nose-dived; passenger service to Manchester ceased in 1953. The line from Derry to the airport was abandoned by Boston & Maine in 1986, closing Londonderry's railroad chapter.

People have been walking along deserted rail beds since the 1960s, but as thousands of miles of lines were being abandoned in the 1980's, Congress stepped in to create "rail-banking," which allowed interim use of trails while preserving inactive corridors for future rail potential. The Rails-to Trails Conservancy nonprofit was founded

in 1986 to promote corridor preservation, recreation and protection of open space. And in 1991, federal funds first became available to help develop trails explicitly for alternative transportation programs.

The Rail Trail today

Since 2013, Londonderry Trailways members have collaborated with residents to develop 4.5 of our 6.1 miles of the Trail - now almost 75% complete. The newest segment, finished in fall of 2019, is the Little Cohas section that begins in old Londonderry village and reaches the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport at Harvey Road. The next phase is already funded and will connect us with Manchester sometime in the next two years.

The final phase will then bring us to Derry and complete our mis-

sion of developing the Town's entire Rail Trail. It will also fill a gap in the southern NH route and help lead to a continuous, paved pathway from Manchester to Salem. For now, trail enthusiasts can enjoy a round trip of 9 miles in Londonderry. For a longer stretch, park at Hood Pond in Derry and travel 9.4 miles to the Tuscan Kitchen in Salem - 18.8 miles round trip.

Trail Update: Additional parking - the Town of Londonderry, in cooperation with the Manchester-Boston Airport has graded the land for parking across the street from our current, northern trail endpoint on Harvey Road, and painted a crosswalk for trail users. For more Trailways information, go to: www.londonderrytrailways.org.

The State Urges Strict Restrictions on Outdoor Water Use

Recent hot and dry conditions, following lack of snow pack and below average precipitation, have caused designation of portions of southern New Hampshire to escalate from moderate to severe drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Areas experiencing severe drought include Rockingham County, Merrimack County, over half of Strafford County, as well

as a small area of Belknap and Hillsborough county. Overall, 20% of the state is experiencing severe drought, 49% is experiencing moderate drought, and 31% is experiencing abnormally dry conditions. The short-term forecast and longer term precipitation outlooks provide no assurance of receiving the widespread rain needed to mollify drought conditions. Additionally, groundwa-

ter levels across the state continue to fall. To continue to meet the basic water supply needs of the state's communities, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) urges residents to eliminate outdoor water use for lawn watering in areas experiencing moderate or severe drought and practice other conservation measures.

As water shortages

are more common during drought, to protect public water supplies and residential well supplies, NHDES is urging community water systems and municipalities to impose strict mandatory outdoor water use restrictions, such as banning lawn watering and washing of cars. Currently 134 community water systems and one municipality are implementing outdoor water use restrictions. Community water systems have the authority

to restrict many types of outdoor water uses and the governing body of a municipality or village district has the authority to restrict lawn watering within political boundaries. The general public should abide by restrictions and if a restriction is not in place, take responsibility for limiting their own water use. The public is also encouraged to report any residential well shortages to NHDES using the Residential

Well Impact Survey. For a link to the survey and more information related to drought conditions and drought conditions, go to www.des.nh.gov and use the "A-Z list" and scroll down to Drought Management.

For more information related to the drought, please contact Stacey Herbold, NHDES Water Conservation Program, at Stacey.Herbold@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-6685.



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Officials Warn to be Safe When Enjoying State's Waters

With municipal pools and public beaches limiting capacity to facilitate social distancing during the COVID-19 public health emergency, many people are seeking relief from the summer heat in more remote swimming locations, which are not monitored by lifeguards.

The New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of State Police Marine Patrol Unit, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and local safety officials are urging residents and visitors to exercise extreme caution while swimming

in, or recreating around, any of the Granite State's many waterbodies.

"Drownings are preventable tragedies. Know the risk and take appropriate safety measures when enjoying New Hampshire waterways," said N.H. Department of Safety Commissioner Robert Quinn. "No family deserves to go through the sorrow of losing a loved one, especially when it could have been prevented by taking standard water safety precautions."

"Due to the ongoing health pandemic, we've seen a great increase in the number of people going outside to recreate, and that's great," said NH Fish and Game

Law Enforcement Chief, Colonel Kevin Jordan. "Our concern is that everyone goes home at night to their families. It is very important when you decide to go swimming that you know exactly where you are in case you need to call for help. Knowing exactly where you are helps rescuers get to you faster."

"Summer weather draws people to New Hampshire for our beautiful lakes, rivers and the ocean," said NH State Police Colonel Nathan Noyes. "Swim in areas with lifeguards whenever possible. Always swim with a friend, wear life jackets, know your own swimming ability, and know your surroundings.

Never mix alcohol and drugs with water and boating activities."

"This season with more intense rip currents, the New Hampshire State Park's lifeguards have had some busy days," said N.H. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Commissioner Sarah Stewart. "It's important to understand that parents are the first line of defense for children. Never leave children unattended in the water not even for a minute. If your child is in the water, you should be too. Accidents can happen very quickly."

"Water safety is a consideration for everybody; your life depends

on it," said Concord N.H. Fire Department Battalion Chief Derek Kelleher. "Remember, rivers are very unpredictable. The flow and speed is faster and stronger than you think. Consider learning lifesaving skills that may make a difference, including learning how to swim and how to perform CPR."

As a state, New Hampshire averages 13-15 drownings every year. So far this year, New Hampshire has had a total of seven drownings. Know the risks and take precautions before enjoying New Hampshire's beautiful waterways. State and local officials offer these water safety recommendations:

- Never swim alone, always bring a friend.
- Swim in areas with lifeguards whenever possible.
- Always wear a personal flotation device (PFD) or life jacket whether recreating from a boat, along shore, or in the water.
- Know the conditions prior to heading out.
- Know where you will be swimming and the name of the area in case you need to call for help.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.
- Always call 9-1-1 to report emergencies.

Prevention Guidelines for Mosquito and Tick Diseases

NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services

1. Eliminate habitat and breeding locations.

Mosquitoes:

- Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Remove outdoor items that hold water (old tires, cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots).

- Drill holes in the bottom of outdoor recycling containers, clean roof gutters and ensure proper drainage.

- If not in use, empty and/or cover swimming pools, wading pools and hot tubs.

- Turn over wheelbarrows and change water in birdbaths at

least twice weekly.

Ticks:

- Minimizing areas where hosts for the ticks, such as rodents and deer, can congregate to eat, sleep or feed.

2. Be aware of where mosquitoes and ticks live.

- Weeds, tall grass, and bushes provide an outdoor home for mosquitoes and ticks, alike.

- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace all screens in your home that have tears or holes.

- Resting mosquitoes can often be flushed from indoor resting sites by using sweeping motions under beds, be-

hind bedside tables etc. and once in flight, exterminated prior to sleeping at night.

- Avoid tick-infested areas. If in tick-infested areas, walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush, and leaf litter at trail edges.

3. Protect yourself from bites.

- When outside, wear protective clothing such as socks, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants (preferably tucked in socks). Light-colored clothing helps you spot ticks.

- Consider avoiding outdoor activities in the early morning and evening, when mosquitoes are most likely to be

biting.

- Wear insect repellents, such as one containing 30% or less DEET (N,N-diethyl-methyl-meta-toluamide), Picaridin, para-menthane-diol, IR3535, or 2-undecanone or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Treat clothing with permethrin, which is odorless when dry.

- Vitamin B, ultrasonic devices, incense, and bug zappers have not been shown to be effective in preventing mos-

quito bites.

- Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.

- Check for ticks daily, on you and your pets. Ticks can hide under the armpits, behind the knees, in the hair, and in the groin.

- Wash and dry clothing after being outdoors. Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing. If the clothes are damp, additional time

may be needed.

- Early removal of ticks can reduce the risk of infection. Inspect all body surfaces carefully, and remove attached ticks with tweezers. Monitor your health closely after a tick bite and be alert for symptoms of illness. Contact your physician to discuss testing and treatment.

For more information on mosquito-borne diseases, visit the DHHS Website at www.dhhs.nh.gov.

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Update on NHDES Saint-Gobain Variance

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) on or before Sept. 2, the decision will be determined for Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (SG) response to 4 variance criteria. Once this appeal is decided upon, any person including SG has the right to appeal based on the grounds cited for the decision within 30 days. For information and the latest updates contact The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) by calling (603) 271-3503

or sending a letter to: NHDES PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 or online at www.des.nh.gov/contactus/index.htm

Stacey Peasley

Beginning on Monday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. and ending on Friday, Sept. 18, at 5 p.m., patrons will be able to view Stacey Peasley's musical performance on the Leach Library Facebook page. This lively sing-along will include old favorites as well as original children's songs. Please check the Leach Library's Facebook page on Monday, September 14 for the link. To access the library's

Facebook page, visit the Leach Library website at www.londonderry.nh.org/each-library then select the "Facebook" link from the blue menu on the left side of the page.

Paul Nelson Concert

Beginning on Monday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. and ending on Friday, Sept. 18, at 5 p.m., watch a special musical performance by Paul Nelson on the Leach Library Facebook page. Paul Nelson is a local songwriter and performer from the Manchester, New Hampshire area. He will be playing a concert of his original eclectic music, a combination of blues, gospel, folk, rock, and jazz. Please check the Leach Library's Facebook page on Monday, Sept. 14 for the link. To access the library's Facebook page, visit the Leach Library website at www.londonderry.nh.org/each-library then select the "Facebook" link from the blue menu on the left side of the page.

Touch-A-Truck Event

Join members of Derry Police Department on Saturday, Aug. 29, for a "Helmet Drive-Thru Giveaway" at West Running Brook Middle School! Officers will be demonstrating how to properly fit a helmet as they handout "Bike Safety In-A-Bag" while families sit safely in their vehicle. Please note your child must be present in order to receive a helmet. The event will run from 9 a.m. - noon unless helmets are gone before noon! In order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we ask that you please wear a mask when receiving the safety bag and helmet from the Officer. For the third year in a row, Derry Police Department has been awarded the NH Safe and Active Community Grant provided by the Injury Pre-

vention Center at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Safe Kids New Hampshire made possible by the Kohl's Cares Helmet Safety Program. Each year Derry Police Department teams up with Derry Cooperative School Staff Members at the Town of Derry annual Touch-A-Truck event to fit children for their Free all-purpose helmet and hand-out bicycle safety gear and information. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, this year's Touch-A-Truck event was cancelled. But we still have the helmets. Members of Derry Fire and Sparky the Fire Dog will also be making guest appearances talking about fire safety and handing out some goodies. Make sure to jump in line early. We have 230 helmets, but they will go fast. For questions please contact Officer Sullivan directly at erinsullivan@derry.nh.org.

On My Own Teen Series

Upper Room will host for the On My Own Series, Mindfulness: Yoga and Journaling. Enrollment includes a Free Mindfulness Journal with writing prompts. Wednesdays Sept. 2, 9 at 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom for Teens ages 13-18. Register at: bit.ly/onmyownmindfulness (while supplies last)

Roaring 20's Drive-In Auction

The Upper Room's 19th Annual Roaring 20's DRIVE-IN Auction NEW DATE AND TIME. Featuring Bill Burke at The Tupelo Music Hall, Derry, Nov. 1, at 1 - 4 p.m. Join us for our live auction, food and drinks drive-in style. Tickets (per car) are available at tickets.tupelo-hall.com. Online Silent Auction Oct. 30 - Nov. 6 Bid on many great items from gift cards, gift baskets, tickets, experiences, trips, packages and other unique items. Sign up for auction updates at: bit.ly/roaringupdate.

Free Meals

Free July and August Meals in Derry/Londonderry Area opened to everyone. 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.

Wason Pond Pounder

The Upper Room will host the Wason Pond Pounder on Saturday Oct. 3, in Chester. To learn more about this popular race and sign up at run-reg.com/9057.

Raising another's child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. 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 Road, Derry. Hours are Mondays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays* 3 - 4 p.m., and by appointment (front entrance).

Raising a teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No pre-registration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org

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

Evolve!

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

Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30 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.

Teen Talk

Need to be Heard? Upper Room's Teen Talk,

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OBITUARY

Gloria Dinges Jankowski



Gloria Dinges Jankowski, 93, of Derry, NH passed away Friday, Aug. 21, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Gloria was born in Haverhill, MA of Dec. 21, 1926 to late Lester and Nellie (Sargent) Dinges.

She loved music and started dancing as soon as she heard any music. Roy Orbison and Elvis were among her favorites. She enjoyed old movies, loved playing parcheesi, gardening and reading cards. She was an avid Red Sox fan and got to go to her first game last year, 2019.

Gloria is survived by her sons, Albert (Jay) Cutroni and his wife Elaine of Derry and Michael Cutroni, Sr. and his wife Linda of Haverhill, MA; daughter Becky Galusha and her husband Mark of Concord, NH; grandchildren, Jeanne Santos and husband Steven of Bradford, MA, Michael A. Cutroni, Jr. and wife Jeannine of Haverhill, MA, Dawn Strandell of Melbourne, FL and Sean Galusha and wife Beatris of Boston, MA and her great-grandchildren, Anthony Santos and Colton Cutroni.

She was known as G.G to many. She was predeceased by her husband, Conrad Jankowski and granddaughter, Sabrina Galusha.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. There will be no calling hours. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to a food bank of one's choice in NH or MA, such as the Derry Food Pantry, 4 Crystal Ave. # 4, Derry.

Around Town

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an online forum to talk, support and be heard is open Tuesdays 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Teens 13-18. No preregistration necessary; Meeting ID:

111 147 286, Password: 694887. Contact: Nicole Smith Martin at nmartin@urteachers.org or call 437-8477 x29.

CART Transitions to Essential Trips only

In an effort to keep drivers and the ridership

of CART safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, CART will transition to essential only. CART will communicate with all passengers who have current trips scheduled and make adjustments where appropriate. Essential travel will

include medically necessary trips (dialysis, pharmacy, etc.) as well as trips to the grocery store. CART will work with passengers to accommodate the essential trips and will work on timing to be as flexible as possible. Service will remain available

to all towns, 5 days a week. Any questions, concerns or comments should be directed to mwhitten@mtabus.org or phone CART at 603-792-5151. CART looks forward to restoring regular service levels as soon as this crisis passes.

St. Jude Food Pantry

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Monday - Aug. 17

9:49 a.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat made and Transported To Hospital from Windsor Boulevard.

10:05 a.m. Assist Londonderry Fire Department Investigated on Highlander Way.

11:27 a.m. Keeping the Peace leads to transport to a hospital on Berkshire Lane.

4:21 p.m. Services Rendered for Unlawful Activities at Perry, Ann Trust on Gilcreast Road.

6:13 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Granite Street.

8:03 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Pillsbury Road by three officers.

8:12 p.m. Three officers respond to a disturbance on Rockingham Road, which leads to transportation to a hospital.

Tuesday - Aug. 18

2:57 a.m. Welfare Check investigated on Rockingham Road at Convenience Plus Londonderry

11:26 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made in Lawrence Mass. Joel Barbosa, 35, of Lawrence, Mass. charged with Willful Concealment, Theft (two prior convictions); and Theft by Unauthorized Taking (two prior convictions).

1:24 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Hillside

Avenue.

3:55 p.m. Dog Found by Animal Control on Clark Road.

4:26 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Hillside Avenue at Thrive Boxing.

10:48 p.m. Person(s) Trespassing at Londonderry High School taken to family/guardian.

Wednesday - Aug. 19

6:38 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Constitution Drive.

4:42 p.m. Suspicious Activity leads to Building Check by three officers at Regency Home Health on Rockingham Road.

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DHHS Identifies Third Jamestown Canyon Virus Case of the Season

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) is announcing that an adult from Dunbarton, NH, tested positive for Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV). The patient was hospitalized with a fever and headache. They have been discharged and are recovering at home.

This is the third detection of JCV in the State this year. JCV is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. There are no vaccines to prevent JCV and treatment consists of sup-

portive care.

The arboviral risk level for Dunbarton will be increased to high. The arboviral risk level indicates the risk of transmission of these infections to people from mosquitoes.

The surrounding town of Weare will increase to moderate. The risk level for the surrounding towns of Hooksett, Hopkinton, and Goffstown will remain moderate. The risk level for the surrounding town of Bow will remain high.

"This is the third detection of Jamestown Canyon Virus infection in our State this year,

and the risk for Jamestown Canyon Virus and other mosquito-transmitted viral infections will only increase until there is a mosquito-killing hard frost in the fall," said Dr. Benjamin Chan, the N.H. State Epidemiologist. "All three of the mosquito-transmitted infections able to be acquired in NH can cause severe neurologic illness, and it remains important for residents and visitors to protect themselves and their families by preventing mosquito bites."

Jamestown Canyon Virus is a mosquito-borne pathogen that circulates widely in North

America primarily between deer and mosquitoes but can also infect humans. Reports in humans have been increasing over the last several years as recognition and testing for this virus has increased. This is New Hampshire's twelfth case of JCV since the first report of the disease in the State in 2013. Many illnesses caused by JCV are mild, but moderate-to-severe central nervous system involvement requiring hospitalization have been reported, including fatal infections.

In addition to JCV, risk for infection in NH by Eastern Equine

Encephalitis virus (EEEV) and West Nile Virus (WNV) will continue to increase through the summer and fall until mosquitoes are no longer biting. Residents of and visitors to New Hampshire should continue to protect themselves and their family members. Prevention guidelines are included below.

People can be infected and not develop any symptoms, or only develop very mild symptoms for all of the mosquito-borne diseases present in New Hampshire. Early symptoms can include fever, muscle aches, headaches,

and fatigue. More serious central nervous system disease, including meningitis or encephalitis can occur with these diseases. If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms, including fever and headache, contact your local medical provider.

Anyone with questions about vector-borne illnesses can call the DPHS Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 from 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. More information can also be found online at www.dhhs.nh.gov and www.cdc.gov.

Police Log

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5:09 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest on Rockingham Road at Enterprise Drive. Three officers assist with charging Andres Rivera-Flores, 36, of Manchester with Driving after Revoked/Suspended License; and driving an Uninspected Vehicle.

6:11 p.m. Pedestrian Check made by three officers results in the transport to a Hospital from Alltown on Nashua Road.

7:36 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Mammoth Road at The Coach Stop.

9:11 p.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on Rockingham Road at Mammoth Road.

9:46 p.m. Peace restored after a disturbance on Nashua Road.

Thursday - Aug. 20

6:51 a.m. Services rendered during suspicious activity on Route 93 at Nashua Road.

8:13 a.m. Welfare Check by four officers results in the transportation to a hospital from School House Road.

9:38 a.m. Brush Fire

extinguished on Harvey Road at Aviation Park Drive.

9:52 a.m. Unlawful Activities investigated on Jack's Bridge Road.

11:43 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Winnisquam Shores Drive in Tilton. Joshua Penno, 29, of Tilton charged with two counts of Theft/Shoplifting.

12:37 p.m. Dog Found by Animal Control on Pine Hollow Drive.

4:25 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Falcon Drive. Corey Burns, 34, of Hudson charged with Reckless Operation; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

6:54 p.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

9:15 p.m. Disturbance investigated by five officers on Stonehenge Road.

10:01 p.m. Peace restored after a complaint from LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

Friday - Aug. 21

12:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check performed by three officers leads to an arrest at LAFA Complex on Nelson Road. Nath-

aniel Ramos, 20, of Salem charged on Bench Warrants.

1:26 a.m. Response to suspicious activity by three officers results in the transportation to a hospital from Rockingham Road.

1:37 a.m. Assisting Londonderry Fire Department with transport to a hospital from Constitution Drive.

12:33 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Hemlock Street.

5:42 p.m. Six officers responding to suspicious activity on Berlang Road make an arrest.

Joseph Killgren, 38, of Windham arrested on a warrant.

7:53 p.m. Four officers respond to a Disturbance at Renegade's Pub on Nashua Road. Subject taken/referred to other Agency.

8:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest on Stonehenge Road at Perkins Road. James Donnelly, 57, of Londonderry charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Resisting Arrest/Detention; and Stop Signs; Yield Signs.

10:46 p.m. Warning Issued during Neighborhood Disputes on Whit-

temore Road.

Saturday - Aug. 22

4:01 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with the transportation to a Hospital from Cross Road.

11:42 a.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:58 a.m. Services rendered in Keeping the Peace on Midridge Circle.

12:43 p.m. Services rendered by Conservation Ranger at Rail Trail on Harvey Road.

3:50 p.m. Unlawful Act-

ivities investigated on Recovery Way.

3:57 p.m. Unlawful Activities Investigated at Victory Baptist Church on Litchfield Road.

Sunday - Aug. 23

3:22 a.m. Four officers perform a Welfare Check on Old Nashua Road.

12:04 p.m. Three officers restore peace during a Domestic Disturbance on Woods Avenue.

1:01 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Hawthorne Road.

2:25 p.m. Six officers assist other Police Department with services in Raymond.

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