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Londonderry's Steve Dente was named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce last week and was presented the traditional top hat. Photo by Chris Paul

Londonderry Resident Named Chamber's Citizen of the Year

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce held its annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony in a different venue this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions still in place.

The event was held on Thursday night, Oct. 22, in the Tupelo Music Hall's Parking area and took on a Drive-In theme to award this year's Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year.

Attendees sat in their cars or in

the spaces around the parking lot and enjoyed a box dinner and drinks were served via a drink cart that was traveling around the lot throughout the evening.

Derry Business owner and Londonderry resident Stephen Dente, was named Citizen of the Year. Dente founded Simpson's Painting with Kenny Simpson 45 years ago. Dente spent decades giving back to the community. An ex-teacher, Stephen and Kenny started their business after a

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Planning Board Discusses Change to Elderly Housing

KELSEY DERHAK
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board met on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and discussed eliminating the elderly housing ordinance.

The ordinance put in place a number of years back, gave developers incentives to build 55 and older housing. The town put in place the ordinance as a means to help relieve the pressure of school age children and give the 55 and older community an affordable option for housing. Now the Planning Board is pushing for the amendment to the zoning ordinance for the elimination of the elderly housing.

This amendment to

the ordinance coming before the Planning Board is due to the unintended effects of the ordinance, which is mainly the affordability aspect of said housing. Due to the incentives for developers to create such housing, the prices for such housing have surpassed ordinary housing prices. The changes to the ordinance would take away the incentive of a density bonus and units per acre. This would give the developer a standard 1 acre with 150 ft. of frontage. The developer may choose to put an age restriction but will not receive any incentives for doing so.

Weighing in heavily on the matter was member Giovanni Verani,

who is in favor of eliminating the elderly housing ordinance. Verani in agreement with the fact that ordinance did not benefit the town as they had hoped is also in favor of getting more creative to supply affordable housing for the employees of the growing industrial community in town. Verani's concern is that the encouragement of industrial growth without supplying enough housing will negatively impact Londonderry. "It is hypocritical of us to say bring all your industry and growth and tax revenue and let surrounding towns deal with supplying our housing needs."

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Voters Head to Polls Nov. 3 for General Election at High School

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium and will certainly be a very busy day for workers at the polls.

The General Election ballot will be two sided, so remember to fill out both sides.

Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

To be eligible to register and vote in New Hampshire a person must be: 18 years of age

or older on Election Day; a United States citizen; and domiciled in the town or ward where the person seeks to vote.

To register, you will need to provide documents that proves your identity, age, and citizenship. A driver's license or non-driver ID from any state satisfies proof of identity and age. A birth certificate, U.S. Passport/Passcard or naturalization document satisfies proof of citizenship.

The following is a list of the names that will be on the Londonderry bal-

lot.

President

Donald Trump and Michael Pence (Rep)
Joe Biden and Kamala Harris (Dem)
Jo Jorganso and Jeremy Cohen (Lib)

Governor

Chris Sununu (Rep)

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Scouts Enjoys Annual Derby Tradition with COVID Modifications



Amber Lee and her brother Cooper Lee display their Pinewood Derby trophies after the races and presentation. Photos by Chris Paul

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Despite the complications attributed with holding events through the COVID-19 Pandemic, Londonderry Pack 901 scouts and their leaders were able to carry on the annual tradition of the Pinewood Derby.

This year's Pinewood Derby was held just outside the town line at Camp Carpenter, in Manchester, where scouts and their families were able to maintain social distancing requirements given by the scouting council and the state.

The event feature 19 competitors and 19 heats of racing down a straight track.

Racers were divided into three groups, Lions and Tigers; Wolves and Bears; and Webelos and



Pack 901 Scouts pose after the Pinewood Derby at Camp Carpenter.

AOLs. There were also trophies given out for Best Design; Best Paint and for Scout Spirit.

For the Wolves and Bears, first place went to Amber Lee, Aiden Hocking took second, and third-place was won by Neil Carroll.

For the Lions and Tigers, the first-place

trophy went to Liam Craigie, Liam Hocking's car got second and Gunnar Scofield came in third.

The Webelos and AOLs group was won by Jackson Brizuela, Cooper Lee was a very close second and Isaac Labell received third place.

Other trophy win-

ners were: Best Design - Neil Carroll; Best Paint - Aiden Hocking; Scout Spirit - Cooper Lee.

Anyone interested to learn more about Cub Scout or Pack 901 can get in touch scoutmaster Jeremy Ayers through email: gma737@hotmail.com.

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Chamber

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teacher's strike and grew it to 60 employees. Stephen supports numerous nonprofits, schools and other community cause with necessary painting and repairs. As a longtime member of the Derry Village Rotary Club, he chairs the annual Holiday Parade and is a lead volunteer for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

At the event on Described as a silent leader, Stephen epitomizes the team community member. Always willing to lend a helping hand, Stephen offers his services as well as making connections to others who can contribute. The Greater Derry Londonderry area is fortunate to have Stephen as one our members.

Londonderry Town Councilor Deb Paul; Derry Historian, T.J. Cullinane, and Warren Daigle of Daigle Plumbing introduced Dente at the ceremony.

Dante thanked his wife Carol for her support over the years; his mother for teaching him the value of helping others; and also thanked his fellow Derry Village Rotary members.

Cullinane presented Dente with the traditional Top Hat to end the evening's festivities.

The Non Profit of the Year award went to the Granite State YMCA of Londonderry

The Granite State YMCA of Londonderry, which serves residents of all ages in the greater Derry area. They were recognized for successfully running summer camps this year without incident and offering a

welcoming environment to children during an especially stressful time.

The YMCA continuously expands its partnerships with other nonprofits, including its pasta program focusing on grandparents raising grandchildren and expanding their mental health services as well. When schools needed to implement remote learning, the YMCA expanded their school-age programs to support programs for multiple school districts. In addition they continue to offer their Pre-K and Kindergarten programs.

YMCA Executive Director Lisa Bernard accepted the award on behalf of the organization and spoke on the challenges that the non-profit has gone through over the past year.

Derry's Enterprise Bank was named Busi-



Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Steve Dente poses with his wife Carol after receiving his award and the ceremonial top hat.



Non-Profit of the Year went to the YMCA. Michele Shepard, Lisa Bernard and Stacey Neville attended the event on behalf of the YMCA.

ness of the Year.

This spring, Enterprise Bank's team took on a leadership role for the region. Staff researched all available recourses and quickly shared that information

with existing and new customers. Multiple area business name the bank's support as a leading reason they have stayed open these last few months.

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also sponsored numerous community and corporate events. They lend a hand whenever possible and protectively seek out ways to make an impact.



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— *Sherm*

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Editorial

Happy Halloween

Can we step back from the real horrors of the world – COVID, and take pleasure in our childhood favorite of Halloween?

Halloween is Saturday, and if you did a quick survey of people you know, you're likely to find that for many it's their favorite holiday.

Many of us, regard-less of age, see Halloween as a day we look forward to for weeks. For children, there's something that can't be beat about dressing up, heading out after dark and walking up to neighbors' homes, and filling a bag with free candy and other treats.

Most of us have plenty of good memories of trick-or-treating amidst the fall leaves, receiving more candy than we could easily consume and, even for just a few hours, trying to scare ourselves a little.

But never fear - the day is not about horror, it's about fun. Carving pumpkins with scary or happy faces, wearing masks, and posing as witches or superheroes or fairy tale characters – it's the stuff of good childhood memories.

We can expect the police to be out in force on that night protecting all the little ghosts and goblins, witches and princesses, devils and zombies while they roam our streets.

We want to take this opportunity to remind everyone to drive especially careful on Halloween, both during the day and night, and to pay close attention to pedestrians. We also

want to remind parents that children's costumes should feature light colors or reflective tape so they can be seen in the early darkness brought on by this season. Make sure young children travel in groups, under adult supervision, with everyone carrying flashlights or glow sticks.

A little shiver of being scared and a lot of laughter. There will always be people who caution that Halloween is too scary for kids. But what's really scary is not the make-believe; it's some of the real-life events happening all around us. Want to talk about scary? Elected officials who operate like 2-year-olds in the sandbox, fighting over their toys – only they're fighting over the basics of our lives. A virus we have no idea how to cure. But let's focus on Halloween.

In Halloween's Celtic origins, the day does indeed celebrate the end of the harvest and the start of winter. In the church it is referred to as "All Hallows Eve" – the day before a Christianized feast influenced by Celtic harvest festivals. We need to cast political correctness aside.

So as the winter holidays near, take a brief but welcome break from the real and indulge in some Halloween magical thinking. Dress up, carve a pumpkin and roast the seeds with your family, stock up on candy for trick-or-treaters and sample some yourself, and as the sky turns dark tomorrow night, Celebrate Halloween!



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Letters

Questions to Ask

To the editor,

In politics there are a few adages that always ring true. Three of them are: In the end it's about jobs/the economy, second, "What have you done for me lately?", and third, all politics is local. In these cases, State Senator Sharon Carson gets excellent grades. We are fortunate that NH has fared well during the pandemic. There has been good guidance from the Governor's Economic Re-opening Task Force, on which Sen. Carson serves. The Senator was selected for this important position because of her demonstrated ability to exercise good judgement, such as, to balance the interests of business, and the health and well-being of her constituents. Carson is helping to bring back jobs and create new ones locally.

What's going on in Washington is a debacle. But that shouldn't keep us from evaluating each down-ballot candidate. Sen. Carson is needed to fight for what is most needed, local jobs. When the economy is strong, everyone benefits!

Pollyann Winslow
Londonderry

TrSome Good Letters

To the editor,

The last couple of weeks there were finally some letters in the paper that weren't total BS and I encourage people to read them and see what it means to think for yourself. The editorial on thinking for yourself, the letters from John Loker, James green and even Bob Pitre this time around. You may disagree with them but the

sentiment and them actually being informed and critical is what's important. Too often there are letters in here that are just utter nonsense coming from "adults" who are "educated" and quick to point where their degree is from and how educated they are...guess what? That means nothing if you can't think for yourself or think critically with an open mind. If you get your news from only CNN, MSNBC, FOX etc. then I have news for you. You aren't actually informed at all, what you are is naive to the echo chamber of your choosing. Those are not real journalists with even their own thoughts... they are reiterating the thoughts of who funds them and pays them. If you are married to a political party and just vote that way across the board all the time you are not even critical of your own ideas or thoughts and they have done their job by securing your vote due to your negligence. It's important to have diversity of thought and that's what makes America great, different opinions should force people to compromise and talk and learn from each other, not attack each other based on cleverly edited clips that we choose to see and run with that information. That is irresponsible. In a time when so many people are preaching tolerance those same people will not tolerate it if you don't think like them...that is dangerous and you are the problem you are fighting against, so take a good hard look in the mirror and ask yourself if you are practicing what you are preaching. The bottom

line is everyone has their own life experiences and reasons to vote one way or another and you preaching at them why they are wrong for thinking that is utter BS. You are taking your experience and forcing it on others as their own.

Grow up.

Vote however you feel is right for you and what's important to you, but do so knowing that you are truly informed with facts and the entire truth, not just part of the truth.

Ryan Prudhomme
Londonderry

Calling on Independent Voters

To the editor,

This article is not an attempt to persuade Trump-hating Democrats to vote for Trump; they've either already voted for Biden or nothing I can say will convince them otherwise. This article is specifically directed at Independents who may not as yet made up their minds. Since day-one of Trump's presidency, there's been fabrications (Trump-Russia collusion & Ukraine), distractions (Trump's taxes), constant personal and political assaults coordinated by Democrats and their liberal media friends against Trump and his family. No president has ever endured the daunting task of taking on a major political party and its mainstream media allies who have done everything they could to take Trump out via impeachment hoaxes, fabrications, misdirection, lies and Biden coverups. Despite media and Hollywood elites spewing venomous rants, Trump

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has endured and his message continues to resonate with voters. Trump's personality, crazy-Nancy Pelosi and despicable Adam Schiff's impeachment attempts along with Biden's zero accomplishments in 47 Senate-years and back-door

corrupt family schemes with China, Russia, Ukraine and Iraq are not the main stories. The real story and what Independents should focus on is that Trump just didn't speak of what he would do during his 2016 campaign, he did what he said he would do. He worked tirelessly to make America's econ-

omy the greatest since WWII until COVID which most scientists said early on was not as dangerous as it turned out to be; including Dr. Fauci. To my fellow naval officer comrade who has repeatedly attacked Trump, Trump is rebuilding our military including our Navy to confront China in a naval war that is sure to come. Trump is not a smooth-talking, snake-oil politician, he's a doer. He did it without pay donating his \$400K annual salary to charities. Trump didn't have to run for president, he could have stayed with his businesses making a lot more money and been far happier. He took on the presidency as he saw the downward path of an Obama-Biden America. Biden is a humanoid and says what his handlers tell him to say. Sadly, his dementia is evident in his slurred words, blank facial expressions and memory. When he says he would have treated COVID better than Trump, Biden can't remember if COVID deaths are 200M or 200K;

much less his chameleon running mate Harris who this past Sunday stated 225 COVID deaths. If they were so conscious of COVID, you'd think they could remember the number of deaths. To them COVID victims are pawns to be used as a sympathetic argument of why Biden-Harris should prevail; despicable and dishonest. To Independent voters, I ask. If you were happy in Trump's pre-COVID economy as 56% of Americans stated, give Trump another 4 years and watch your 401k and IRA grow to assure an independent life-style after retirement along with Social Security that Trump has promised not to touch. I'm frightened of the future and the impact on my grandsons of what America would be under a Biden/Harris/Saunders/AOC socialist economy. You should be too.

Bob Pitre
Londonderry

Choosing a Rep.

To the editor,
Choosing State Repre-

sentatives is an important task for Londonderry citizens this year. We have several candidates that have rejected any attempt to implement a NH income tax. They are Republicans. I am disappointed to see that Ted Combes and Ann Warner support new income taxes.

Both Combes and Warner have records. Warner has voted several times to support new income taxes as an incumbent state rep. Combes was a Town Councilor until recently. His record as a Town Councilor was mostly as a "do nothing" councilor. He championed no issues and failed to distinguish himself to look out for taxpayers.

I don't expect Warner to change her ways to reject future income tax proposals and I don't expect Combes to provide any leadership at the statehouse if elected. I recommend rejecting both these candidates and choose those candidates that will give us more confidence of protecting local taxpayers.

Londonderry Taxpayer
Roger Fillio
Londonderry

A Warning to Voters

To the editor,

There've been a lot of fancy ads on TV and flyers that paint a rosy picture if the Democrats are elected. As they say, they are entitled to their opinion, but they are not entitled to their facts.

Did you know that during the 2019-2020 session, the Democrat majority in Concord?

- Passed a \$168 million income tax bill 4 times

- Voted to raise taxes on small businesses by 12.5%

- Sponsored sales tax bills on ski tickets and electronics

- Sponsored an \$800 million energy tax bill

- Passed legislation to give drivers licenses to undocumented aliens

- Sued Governor Sununu to delay covid-19 relief funds

Sources: Roll Call Votes, House Bills.

The Democrat-controlled Executive Council also voted against accepting the \$46M education grant for NH based on pure politics, thereby hurting many children's opportunities

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OBITUARY

Rachel C. Gagnon



Rachel C. Gagnon, 81 of Hudson, NH, died Saturday Oct. 24, 2020 in All American Assisted Living in Londonderry, NH. She was born in Littleton, NH on Sept. 10, 1939, a daughter of the late Albert and Clara (Godbout) Burgess. Rachel had been a recent resident of Londonderry having lived in Hudson for over 40 years. Mrs. Gagnon had been employed for many years as a receptionist for Pfeiffer Vacuum in Nashua, NH. Rachel was a proud member of the Nashua Senior center where she shared her passion for quilting with her fellow members. Rachel had a talent for just about anything having to do with crafts, including crocheting, knitting or just making special items for those she loved.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Armand "B" Gagnon of Hudson, her son Steve A. and his wife Kathleen (Dunlea) Gagnon of Londonderry, NH, their three children Chelsea, Hailey, and Hannah Gagnon. Her daughter Paula Prescott of AZ and her three children Lexi, Zachary, and Jack Prescott; as well as two sisters, Gertrude Carmen-Bly and Virginia B. Noor. She was predeceased by her sisters, Caroline E. Charbonneau, Diana V. Carter, and Irene C. Goodspeed.

Following cremation, she will be buried at a later date in the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Sheriff Massahos Cleared by Attorney General's Office

In a press release from the offices of the Solomon Law Firm; Londonderry/Manchester, Peter M. Solomon, Esquire stated that the Rockingham County Sheriff Massahos has been exonerated by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office for allegations made by the

Rockingham County Commissioners. Last year, on Oct. 15, 2019 the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners sent the New Hampshire Attorney General a letter accusing Sheriff Massahos of "Fixing" a speeding ticket issued by a deputy by changing it to a warning.

The press release stated that Sheriff Massahos fully cooperated with the Attorney General's office and they recently found no wrongdoing and further found that Massahos "had the discretion to reduce the citation to a warning." The Board of County Commissioners chose to

publish their letter of accusation by sending it to local newspapers. One of the County Commissioners ran against Massahos in the Primary campaign and used the slogan "I am not under investigation by the Attorney General" as the reason to vote for him. The Board of Com-

missioners also published accusations, which Sheriff Massahos always claimed were false. Massahos stated, "I chose to ignore these misleading and false allegations and focused on the business of running the Office of Sheriff in the best interests of

the citizens of Rockingham County." Massahos added, "Although the allegations made by the Board were troubling, my job is to work hard to protect and serve, and to work productively with the Board of County Commissioners in the future".

Bellavance Beverage Unveils Largest Rooftop Solar Array in State

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the newest additions to large buildings on Pettingill Road, Bellavance Beverage Company, will soon be powered by 3,088 solar panels, offsetting more than 100% of the company's annual electricity needs while cutting costs and carbon pollution.

Bellavance owner, workers, friends and area officials toasted the new 1.16 megawatt solar installation with a socially-distanced "Solar Oktoberfest" celebration recently. The event featured traditional German fare, along with tours of the 115,000 square-foot solar roof overlooking Manchester-Boston Regional Air-

port. The 1,158-kilowatt DC solar array (800-kilowatt AC) is being installed by ReVision Energy, a local employee-owned solar company, and is projected to generate 1,321,541 kWh of clean electricity annually - enough to offset 1.4 million pounds of CO2 emissions or brew 77,000 barrels of German

beer every year. Bellavance Beverage Co. President Joe Bellavance IV commented during the event, saying "It fit with our commitment to reducing the footprint we leave behind for future generations. We spend a lot of time preparing our kids for the future but often overlook the environment we are leaving

them. The products we sell are largely agricultural - hops, barley - and depend on reliable water sources. We need the planet to be able to support those things for a long, long time." Mayor of Manchester, Joyce Craig, also spoke briefly. Representatives from Senator Maggie Hassan and Congressman Chris Pappas' offices read letters from the Senator and Congressman, respectively. State Senators Sharon Carson, Lou D'Allesandro, and Kevin Cavanaugh were all in attendance, as was State Representative Doug Thomas, Londonderry Town Councilor Deb Paul, and Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith.

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-Nancy Hendricks



NANCY'S PRIORITIES

- Work to safely re-open the economy and halt the spread of COVID-19
- Strengthen public education
- Support economic growth and development
- Oppose sales and income taxes, reduce downshifting of costs to local taxpayers
- Oppose unfunded mandates

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for a better education. Their rejection of two well-qualified African-Americans for two important state positions based on party affiliation is also horrific.

If that wasn't enough, the Democrats also voted to prevent parents from having more say in their child's education and to prevent them from seeing surveys given to their child in school before being administered.

We cannot afford this type of "making Londonderry a better place". Please don't be fooled by what is said. Rely on the past voting records and know that they will all vote the same way again and again.

Concerned voter
Jack Murray Jr.
Londonderry

47 Years of Lemming Leadership

To the editor

I was so tired of the same conversations. Soldiers dying overseas. Veterans fighting for healthcare. Tanking public education system. Illegal immigration. Tax money used to kill children rather than save them. Issues we all agreed require action. 8 years of words. 8 years of continuous problems.

I voted for Trump because of what he is not. Not a politician, Not owned by PACs, Not a talker and Not easily pushed around. Our troops are home. For God's sake he has brought peace in the Middle East. An ec-

onomy resulting from applied business understanding. Children saved from death. This President has solved more issues in 3 years than in Joe's entire career.

My uncle was a highly respected pathologist in a prominent Boston hospital.

I recall him telling me how sub-standard the care was at the Veterans Administration.

That was over 40 years ago. Joe a "veterans friend" could not even improve it after 47 years.

Trump made tremendous strides in 3. 40 years of Joe talking and resolving nothing. Keeping things broken has only served to keep Joe talking. Now he is following Kamala attempting to usher in the very government my father and uncle rightfully fought to destroy. Socialism is responsible for over 100 Million deaths so far. It is a proven tragedy.

I am a fan of The President. I did not vote for him to be my friend. I placed my trust in him because of his past performance and current achievements. Joe on the other hand is born follower.

I dare say he could not lead a lemming (but they might have a nice talk).

Ken Rahilly
Londonderry

Why Marxism/Socialism & Catholicism Don't Mix

To the editor,

What are the evils of Marxism/Socialism?

1) Abolition of religion/rejection of God: During the French Revolution (beginning of Socialism),

the Catholic Church was attacked and priests and nuns were murdered. Karl Marx believed the State took the place of God. Lenin wrote that Social Democrats base their outlook on Marxism. The Catholic Church was persecuted under the German National Socialist and Soviet Union regimes – even though the Soviets had "Freedom of Religion" in their constitution. Currently, BLM (a Marxist organization) and Antifa have burned churches and destroyed religious statues and property. On video, one member of BLM can even be heard shouting "What are you, Christian?" to an unfortunate victim of their harassment.

2) Immorality: Abortion, breakup of the nuclear family, immodesty, debauchery, sexualization of children, suppression of truth and the spreading of lies and fear by the press and social media, an ill-informed and uneducated populace, putting things, animals, and the environment above people leading to the devaluation of human life, lack of respect for people and property, irresponsibility, excessive anger, hate and violence towards those with opposing views are examples of the immoral ills riding the coattails of Marxism/Socialism.

3) Fraud/Class Warfare/Oppression of the poor: Marxist/Socialist countries must raise taxes to a very high level in order to provide their people with "freebies". Government grows so

large that it can do very little to curb fraud. Through increased taxes, fraud, incompetence of government organizations, and government takeover of businesses, unemployment skyrocket thus putting more pressure on the government for services. It's a never-ending downward spiral. The rich become scapegoats and are asked to give more and more. They eventually leave and take their wealth and businesses with them. This leaves the poor to fend for themselves. Meanwhile, the oligarchs in power enjoy a lavish lifestyle.

Government, schools, the news media, and the entertainment industry are rife with Marxist/Socialists. In the 1950s, McCarthy was ridiculed for speaking of Communists. Today, after brainwashing generations of people, the Marxist/Socialists are so close to absolute power they can taste it. The masks are off.

The Catholic Church has also be infected. The Catholic seminaries in America were infiltrated by Marxists/Modernists in the 1920s. The men rose to power and "came of age" in the 1950s and 1960s. Since then, you can see the devastating effects: Sexual perversion and molestation, misuse of funds, graft, heresy, etc. Many of the faithful have left. Not all clergy are bad

but, unfortunately, the few good priests and religious who have stood out against this have been silenced by their Marxist/Modernist superiors. So, when I speak of the One, True Catholic Faith, not the Marxist/Modernist Church that has usurped the name "Catholic Church".

Finally, my last letter asked Catholics to vote for Trump. Trump is no saint. I never said he was. But as a Catholic, the Democrat Marxist/Socialist-supporting candidate is not an option.

Helen Maynard
Londonderry

A Neighbors Help?

To the Editor:

I am a Londonderry resident. I have a "Biden/Harris" sign on my front lawn, because obviously, I have made a thoughtful decision to vote for him. "A Neighbor" put a list entitled Trump's accomplishments during his presidency under my sign. I didn't read it. I tore it up out of anger, frustration and "Oh my god! REALLY? Who did this?"

Did this anonymous person think that this would change my mind? That I would automatically come to my uneducated senses and immediately pull the disgraced sign from my browning lawn and throw it away like it was a bag of weeks old slimy mesclun mix?

Does "A Neighbor" think that I haven't been living and breathing the air in this Trump America? That I am blind and can not see what he has done? That I can't hear what he has said? That I haven't been on my phone constantly reading and watching the news? Thundering into my friend's apartment yelling at her because of what is going on in the world right now and has been for the past four blankety blank years?

Does "A Neighbor" think it was their "right" to throw some paper on my lawn spouting what they perceive to be truth?

I am writing (because I don't know who it is), to tell "A Neighbor" what I think of what they did.

It was wrong. It was out of line. It wasn't appreciated. It was a waste of paper, waste of a tree, waste of ink. And it was a waste of your time and mine. If you are going around placing these lists under all Biden signs like a present under a Christmas tree, I'm telling you now it's not what a Biden supporter wants for Christmas, or Thanksgiving for that matter. What we want (or maybe it's just me, I don't know) is for you to keep your stapled paper to yourself. I want an America that is run by people who are truthful. Who listen to experts in

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State Rep Candidate Omitted From Candidate Profiles

In last week's edition of the Londonderry Times, we published a rather lengthy compilation of candidates running for State Representative. In that article, the paper inadvertently left out longtime Republican State Representative Al Baldasaro.

We asked each candidate, what makes them

the best candidate to represent the residents of Londonderry in Concord. Here is Al's response.

Al Baldasaro

New Hampshire is a great state to raise a family and work and is one of the safest states in the country to raise a family.

When we Republi-

cans win the Majority, I will be running for the Speaker of the House!

I have been a Chairman of a committee, Vice Chair of a committee, Tri Chair of the House Republican Alliance (HRA), Assistant Majority Leader and the Republican Floor Leader, one who is a loud voice with experience and knowledge to look out for Londonderry Tax Payers.

I will continue to focus on keeping New Hampshire affordable so our kids can live and work in New Hampshire. I am running for my eighth term to help maintain the N.H. Advantage of no new taxes so you can have a higher quality of living by making sure the State doesn't overspend, so there is no need for an income tax. I want to continue to ensure that the Town of

Londonderry gets its fair share of Adequacy Education Funding, ensure that not one Veteran is left behind and they receive the benefits that are owed to them. I do not support any new taxes; people are taxed enough! I want to continue to ensure that our seniors are taken care of by not taxing them out of their homes. Because COVID-19 has financially hurt our state, we will have to look at what revenues come in during the 2021 budget cycle. We Legislators are going to make some tough

decisions in fixing the shortfall of revenues, without down shifting those costs to cities and towns, which would cause property taxes to increase on businesses and homeowners. I ask for your vote on November 3rd, to continue to represent you in Concord.

Al Baldasaro
State Representative
Former Republican
Floor leader
TRUMP2020 NH Co-
Chair
TRUMP2020 National
Veterans Coalition Advi-
sor

OBITUARY

Margaret (Holmes) Vautier



Margaret (Holmes) Vautier, 90, of Londonderry, NH died on Monday Oct. 19, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Margaret was born in Randolph, MA on Oct. 26, 1929, a daughter of the late Elmer and Madeline (Shaw) Holmes. She had resided in Londonderry since 1961, formerly living in the Boston, MA area.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan Fraser and her husband Melton of Londonderry, and Diane Vautier of Londonderry, one son, David L. Vautier of Londonderry, two grandchildren, Jayne Jacques and her fiancé James Jacques, and Joseph Jacques and his partner Mellisa Denny, five great-grandchildren, Olivia Jacques, Jasmine Jacques, Madelyn Jacques, Ian Desisto, and Landon Desisto. She also leaves one brother, Harry Holmes and his wife, Margaret of Valley Center, CA. She was predeceased by her husband, David W. Vautier in 2006.

Calling hours were held on Friday Oct. 23, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The funeral ceremony and burial was held privately. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Sean Patrick Marron



Sean Patrick Marron age 36 of Londonderry NH, Died unexpectedly on Oct. 21, 2020. Sean was the beloved son of James and Paula (Linehan) Marron. Loving brother of Shamus and his wife Danielle of Derry. He was a devoted father to his sons, Colby Adam 11 and Kaiden Scott 6. Sean leaves many Aunts, Uncles, cousins and friends who will dearly miss him.

A 2003 graduate of Londonderry High School. A prolific athlete in football, wrestling and lacrosse. Proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corp as an infantryman and was honor guard in the N.H. National Guard. A member of N.H. wrestling official association. Played semi professional football with the Granite State Destroyers, 2019 Undeclared National Champions. Served his community as a coach and mentor for youth flag football and wrestling. He enjoyed the outdoors, mountain climbing, fishing and camping with his sons Colby and Kaiden and his dad Jim.

His service dog Chocura was named after his favorite climb, Mt Chocura. A free spirit who loved long rides on his Harley.

A public graveside service will be at the NH National Cemetery in Boscawen on Thursday Oct. 29, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers donation may be made to A Go Fund Me page for Sean Marron.

OBITUARY

Richard E. Bancroft



Richard E. Bancroft, 72, of Londonderry, NH died Monday Oct. 19, 2020 at the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. Surrounded by his loving family. Richard was born in Hyde Park, MA on Dec. 14, 1947, a son of the late, Edwin and Mary (Powers) Bancroft. He served with the US Air Force during the Vietnam Era.

Rich was a motorcycle enthusiast, taking many road trips with his late son Brian. He was also a huge New England sports fan. He was also a long-standing member of Post # 0078 American Legion of Hyde Park, MA. Richard will always be remembered as the most loving husband, parent and "Papa". He was Kathy's "Gentle Giant" and was loved by all who came to know him.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Walsh) Bancroft of Londonderry, one son, Richard E. Bancroft, Jr. and his wife Allison of Foxborough, MA, one daughter, Christine Hubbard of Walpole, MA, 10 beautiful grandchildren, one brother, James Bancroft, and two sisters, Anne Huntley and Mary Barry. He was predeceased by his beloved son Brian W. Kelleher in 2018.

There are no services scheduled at this time. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. Donations in Richard's memory can be made to: The Brian W. Kelleher Donation Fund c/o St. Mary's Bank, Londonderry Square, 50 Nashua Rd. #100, Londonderry, NH 03053.

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Letters

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their fields and strongly consider the facts before a conclusion and or solution is decided. I want a calm empathetic leader who understands the plight of normal people. Who is willing to make choices based on what is good for us, not him personally. I want a person to look into the camera while he is talking and really talk TO us and not against us by spewing lies and misin-

formation. I am personally terrified of what will become of this world if our leader does not listen to science or anyone other than himself.

I'm voting for Biden for my children, my children's children and their children.

Marcia Feldmann
Londonderry

Tump Is Commander-Of-Unpatriotism

To the editor,
Trump's recklessness, incompetence, compul-

sive lying, and skullduggery spread the coronavirus pandemic in the US, which he called a hoax; and now we know he is Commander-Of-Unpatriotism.

The Atlantic magazine reported Trump denigrated dead US soldiers. In 2018 Trump did not visit the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France to honor our

dead WWI soldiers. He said "Why should I go to that cemetery? It's filled with losers." He said 1800 US Marines who died in the Battle of Belleau Wood were "suckers". The Atlantic article was corroborated by Fox News, AP, NY Times, and Washington Post.

As a former Navy enlisted and Navy officer ("not for self but for

country"), and with family members in wars from the Civil War to the Iraqi War, I am disgusted with Trump's unhinged comments. My wife's father, Alton Jones, and uncle, Howard Jones, were Marines who fought at Belleau Wood.

Trump called Senator John McCain a "loser" because he was a POW in Vietnam. This is similar

language he used to describe dead WWI US soldiers. Unpatriotic Trump got five draft deferrals during the Vietnam War.

Trump undermined our military by accusing Pentagon officers of primary loyalty to defense contractors.

Donald Moskowitz
Conservative
Independent
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Stephanie Ann Blaise



Stephanie Ann Blaise, 33, of Londonderry, NH, passed away unexpectedly Sunday Oct. 18, 2020, in Manchester. She was born on Dec. 9, 1986 in Derry, a daughter of Steven Blaise and the late Ruthann (Morris) Blaise-Bond.

This was Stephanie's favorite time of year, fall and most of all Halloween/Samhain. This would normally have been a time of curling up and watching Nightmare Before Christmas and visiting haunted houses. Truly a time where she came alive. She always had a love for the darker side, but could still bring so much light to those around her. She had a contagious laugh and such a big heart. Such a goofy sense of humor that brought tears of laughter and great memories. She loved her son Wesley beyond words and passed to him the same great sense of humor. She will be SO missed and our hearts break for the loss of her. It has been a long battle, but she is now at peace and with the many loved ones that passed before her.

She is survived by her father, Steven Blaise and wife Bonnie, stepfather, William Bond, her son, Wesley Rosen; two sisters, Nicole LaPorte and her husband Jeffrey and Tracey Ingram and her husband George; four nieces, Celia Roessler, Aria LaPorte, Lillie LaPorte and Brynnley LaPorte, as well as many aunts and uncles. She was predeceased by her mother Ruthann Blaise-Bond in 2003.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, graveside services were held on Friday, Oct. 23, in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to a college fund being set up to benefit her son Wesley www.gofundme.com/f/a-scholarship-fund-for-wesley?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1 To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

Planning

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Adding to Verani's statement was Colleen Mailloux, Town Planner, who envisions lots of discussion in particular related to townhouse style housing and adding those types of zones to the town.

New member Lynn Wiles was concerned on the affordability of elder-

ly housing in Londonderry. While doing some of his own calculations, "looking at my own social security and apartments at Sanborn Crossing, it's about 40% of my social security for a one bedroom apartment and I just don't think that is affordable. I would love to see this ordinance go away, it hasn't benefited the town in any way."

With an elderly population staying in sync with the rest of New Hampshire, Londonderry is looking to make changes to their ordinance to help create more affordable housing for all residents. The Planning Board hopes the change to this ordinance will help out the older citizens of the town as well as younger ones needing an affordable home to get

started. A big part of that solution is getting rid of the ordinance.

By a unanimous vote the Planning Board is sending their recommendation of the adoption of the amendment to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance for the elimination of the elderly housing to be brought before the Town Council for a public hearing as well as the Council's final vote.

Candidates

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Darryl Perry (Lib)

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Corky Messner (Rep)
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Field Hockey Squad Suffers Tough Second Round Loss



Lancer senior Jenna Stowell digs for possession against a Windham defender. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Field Hockey team entered last week's NHIAA Division I with a 3-3-2 record, and in the last week of the season lost two lopsided games against Windham High School. But after those two losses, the defense toughened up and the girls made quite a stand in the two playoff games they were involved in.

In the Lady Lancers first playoff game, at home against the Salem Blue Devils, on Wednesday, Oct. 21, all the scoring the home team needed was done in the first half of the match.

The Salem squad

opened up the scoring with just 15 seconds left in the first quarter to take the 1-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Lancer senior Skylar Hamilton tied the game up at 7:48 with an assist going to Jenna Stowell.

The go-ahead goal was put into the back of the net at 1:52 by LHS junior, Rease St. Gelais, assisted by senior Izzy Augusta.

That was all the girls' needed to secure a game two of the playoffs, as the Lady Lancers played a tough defense in the second half to finish with a 2-1 victory.

The LHS squad continued that tough defense into their next playoff game on Saturday. That game was also played in

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Lancer sophomore goalkeeper Kathryn Martin kicks a ball wide in OT.

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Lancer Boys Soccer Squad Bounces Back After First Loss

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The week after the Londonderry Boys Varsity Soccer Team suffered their first loss of the season in a slim 1-0 outcome to Windham, the Lancers bounced back with two wide-margin shutouts against Nashua North High School (0-6).

The 6-0 and 7-0 wins gave the LHS boys soccer team finished the regular season with an exceptional 8-1-1 record. The Lancers were able to outscore their opponents

by a 36-5 margin, and having a total of seven shutouts.

In the first game against North, the LHS team traveled to Nashua, where they controlled the ball for much of the game and kept their goalkeeper, Steven Swiderski, quite board.

The only points scored in the first half of this contest, were by LHS junior, Tyler Kraft, assisted by fellow-junior Patrick Tewksbury.

The second half scoring barrage started in the

45th minute with senior Hunter Smith scoring on a penalty kick.

A minute later, Smith got his second goal of the game on a through ball from Anthony Ramy.

Derrick Apholz quickly followed that up with a goal assisted from Ramy.

In the 70th minute of the game, senior Luke Brown got his very first varsity goal unassisted on a great run down the field.

Lancer junior Devin Sen also got his first varsity goal, when he scored the final goal of the game

on a penalty kick.

Swiderski only had to make a handful of saves in the Lancer net.

The second meeting of the two teams was in Londonderry, and the outcome was much the same.

The Lancer squad controlled the ball for much of the game, giving them a 7-0 win and their seventh shutout.

The major difference in this one was that all the scoring was done before the first half ended. Ramy scored first, from a cross from Smith. Apholz made it 2-0 from a pass from Dennis Aidan.

Lancer senior Braden Brassard got his first varsity goal with a cross from Dennis.

A Brassard header off a corner kick from Apholz resulted in the fourth goal for LHS.

Smith joined the scoring with a kick from keeper Swiderski.

Junior Corey Nolan got his first varsity goal off a rebound from a Sen, then Ryan Griffin got the last goal of the night off a rebound from a Christian Levantovski-Correa.



Lancer senior Braden Brassard got two goals in the home game against Nashua.

Swiderski sat idle in the first half, as the Lancer defense kept the ball well away from him.

In the second half, junior Colby Russel made four stops.

Lancer Head Coach Todd Ellis commented, "The players came out today very focused and organized to start the game and it showed. It was great to see them implement some of the things we worked on and discussed at practice. What a great night for the seniors and the team."

The team was scheduled to play its first playoff game in Salem on Monday afternoon. The Lancers have beat Salem in their two regular season game 4-3 and 4-0.

Ellis was cautious about the meeting in Salem, "It is not an easy place to play, and it is not easy to beat a team three times in a season, but I do believe the kids will have their mind in the right place."

If they win that game they will then travel to Manchester Central High School (8-0-2).



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LHS Football Squad Suffers Big Loss in First Road Game

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In what has been a very different fall sports season for the Londonderry High School sports teams, the Lancer football squad traveled to its first and last road game of the season, at Stellos Stadium in Nashua where the outcome was not good for the visitors.

The LHS squad traveled to Nashua with their 3-1 shortened season record, to face the Nashua North Titans, who were 2-0, but had only played in two games to start the season.

Unfortunately for Londonderry, the lack of regular season games was not a factor for the Titans, and they outdistanced the Lancers by a wide margin of 36-7. Nashua North

nearly doubled the total offense in the game by a 432-231 margin.

The first quarter in that contest stated off slow, with both teams unable to get a first down. The Lancers had the first signs of offense in that quarter, driving down to that Nashua 20 yard line, but a fourth and 10 pass attempt to Nick Asadoorian came up just short and the Titans took over on downs.

That NNHS drive ended with the first touchdown of the game to start the second quarter of play. Jayden Espinal ran for nine-yards, but the two-point conversion run by QB Curtis Harris-Lopez was stopped by a big tackle by Asadoorian, giving Nashua a 6-0 start.

Nashua North went on

to score two more times in that quarter, once on a Harris-Lopez run from three-yards out and a successful Harris-Lopez two-point conversion. The second score came after a Lancer Quarterback, Dylan McEachern interception, leaving the Titans with great field possession at the Lancer 11-yard line.

The other Nashua TD was a Harris-Lopez run for just two-yards and another unsuccessful conversion leaving the Lancers shaking their heads to a 20-0 deficit as the half ended.

The LHS squad started the second half with what looked to be a good head of steam and a successful special teams play.

The surprise on-side kickoff to the Nashua squad was recovered by

the Lancers, and with just three plays to start the second half, McEachern's pass to Zach Fawcett for 44-yards was complete and resulted in the only touchdown for the Lancers. Point after kick, by Fawcett, tacked on a point making the score a manageable 20-7 deficit.

The only other highlight for that quarter for the Lancers was an interception by EJ Donovan, who managed to get the ball to the Nashua North 25-yard line. Unfortunately for the Londonderry squad, another promising drive ended with a tough turnover. A fumble during a third and five play gave the Titans another golden opportunity to add to their lead.

It took the Titans only two plays after that fumble

for Harris-Lopez to run for an 81-yards touchdown. Another two-point conversion run was good, giving the Titans a huge 28-7 lead.

The final points of the game came in the fourth quarter Nashua's Devin Bracetty ran for a 32-yards touchdown and they tacked on two-points with a conversion run by Harris-Lopez to end the game 36-7.

Nashua did all the damage on the ground in the game, amassing 430-yards rushing and only two in the air on two attempts.

Lancer QB McEachern managed 103-yards passing and the team had 123-yards on the ground with Drew Heenan getting 47-yards and Hayden Austen getting 36.

The Lancers will now begin their quest to defend their NHIAA Division I Championship title with a game at home against Windham High School.

In their last meeting LHS beat the Jags 41-0 and will hope to have the same outcome on Saturday, Oct. 31, starting at 1 p.m.

According to the NHIAA website, they are recommending that each rostered student athlete on the varsity team, both home and away, are provided two tickets per game. Should local school rules mandate a more strict policy regarding visitors and fans to their school campus, such rules will take precedent over the NHIAA's recommendation.

Lady Lancer Volleyball Squad Splits Games With Titans

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Volleyball squad were able to successfully complete every game this season, which is quite an achievement given the current situation with the COVID-19 Pandemic. In the last week of the regular season the girls finished just over the .500 mark, at 5-4, to five divisional rivals.

Last week had the Lady Lancers facing the

Nashua North Titans, both on their home court and the Nashua court. In both of those contests the home team won in straight sets.

In the first game, that took place at LHS, on Monday, Oct. 19, the Lady Lancers edged out the Titans in three close sets.

The first game went 25-23, the second was 25-20, and the third finished the match 25-21. Sophomore Lexi Small had 23 assists, two blocks and two aces. Senior Jordan

Galluzzo had 10 kills in the match, while junior Kelsey Sanborn had eight kills and two aces.

Lancer senior Sarah Joe added to the totals with four kills and fellow senior Emma Detellis had three kills and three aces.

During the following game, held at Nashua North High School on Wednesday, Oct. 21, the Lady Titans reversed things by winning in three straight sets.

The first set ended with a comfortable margin for North 25-17. The second set was a bit closer, but still resulted in a 25-22 Lady Titan win. The rubber game of the match had the Lady Lancers fighting all the way to a 30-28 loss.

In this one, Sanborn had 13 kills and three digs, Small had 18 assists and two aces.

Junior Laura Haas got 10 digs and two assists,

while fellow junior Abby Sakellar got four digs and two assists.

The Londonderry girls are now headed to NHIAA Division I playoffs and they will host the first game on Thursday, Oct. 29, against Timberlane Regional High School at LHS.

In the two team's regular season games, the Lancers beat the Owl's 3-0 in both games.



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Lady Lancer Soccer Squad Finishes Season with a Win and a Tie.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Soccer team finished out their regular season with two games against Nashua North last week to end up with an above .500 finish as they prepare for the NHIAA playoffs.

In those two games last week, the LHS girls outpaced the Lady Titans at home 7-5 in their first meeting, but had to settle for a 2-2 tie when they traveled to Nashua in the second game.

The win came on the Lady Lancers home turf,

Tuesday night, Oct. 20, where the home team had to overcome a big 3-0 deficit that the Lady Titans amassed in the first 32 minutes of the game.

In that half, Nashua started the scoring with two goals by Ari Dumaine in the first 18 minutes of play. One assisted by Emilee DeLeo, the other, assisted by Lily Baker-Oliveria.

Fourteen minutes later, DeLeo made it a 3-0 lead for the visitors.

The Londonderry contingent finally got on the board five minutes later with a goal by the speedy

sophomore Mia Stowell.

The half ended with the home team trailing 3-1.

Things didn't start much better for the Lady Lancers in the second half, as the Titans came out strong and scored two more times within six minutes giving them what seemed to be a comfortable 5-1 lead.

That four-goal buffer quickly evaporated as the Londonderry offense bludgeoned the Titan defense, scoring six unanswered goals to end the half.

Lancer junior Ashley Manor went on a four-goal

scoring tear with help from Lacey DeMeo, Stowell (two assists) and from Emily Ahlman.

Fellow Lancer junior Paige Wagner gave the Lancers the lead with an assist from Stowell.

Stowell book-ended the Lancer goals in the 75th minute with another unassisted goal to finish the night with a LHS win.

The Lady Lancers had 17 shots in the game while the Titans had 13.

Lancer junior keeper Liana Sawyer made seven saves in the winning effort.

Two days later, the two teams faced each

other again, this time in Nashua, but the Lancers where not able to overcome getting behind in this one.

First half scoring started with the Lady Titans again. Dumaine scored from DeLeo, then DeLeo scored from Emma Alvarado to end the half giving Nashua a 2-0 lead.

The Lancer girls evened up the game after two unanswered goals of their own in the second half.

In the 55th Manor scored from Lancer junior Brynn Foster. Four minutes later junior Lacey DeMeo hit the net with an

assist from Retta Hatin.

Shots and saves were even in this game, both teams had 10 shots on goal and eight saves.

Londonderry senior Julia Soucy was in net for the Lady Lancers.

Londonderry finished the regular season with a 5-4-1 record and was scheduled to face Manchester Central (9-1) at home in the first round of the NHIAA Division I playoffs on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

If the Lady Lancers win that game, they will travel to Windham two days later.

Londonderry Cheerleaders Host a Virtual Competition

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Lancer Cheerleading Team hosted the first ever, virtual cheerleading competition in the Granite State this past weekend. The 603 Showdown took place on Sunday, Oct. 25, with 15 Varsity, Junior Varsity, Youth/Recreational, and Unified teams performing in the event.

The competition was sanctioned by the NHIAA and was judged by the Elite Spirit Officials of NH.

The Grand Champion of the competition was Dover High School with the highest score across all divisions.

The Londonderry High School Varsity and Junior Varsity teams were excited to perform at their first competition of the season, but did not compete in the first-ever

virtual competition since they were hosting the event.

According to Londonderry Spirit Head, Coach Chelsea Dennis, that with the start of the sports season beginning with not much certainty, a lot of talk among the area cheerleading coaches was about canceling the spirit season completely if competitions were not held, and with nothing to work toward. The COVID-19 restriction guidelines also prohibited some schools from stunting, depending on each school's Athletics Department, some schools allow stunting while others did not.

There is also a National and State rule stating that masks cannot be worn while stunting, and many schools do not feel comfortable with that

rule. While those governing the rule feel it could be a safety hazard, there are ways to adhere the masks to the face safely so they do not move, and other cheerleading programs such as college and all-star levels, do wear masks while stunting without issue.

Because of this Londonderry Spirit squad decided that if the rest of the world was adapting to changing times, why couldn't the cheerleading world too.

Dennis moved ahead, and created the 603 Showdown, a virtual cheer competition with three divisions. Teams choose from - normal "Full Routine" that most folks are used to seeing, a "Marked Stunts" division, where stunts are marked.

Judges at the event scored each team virtual-



Lancer Varsity and Junior Varsity Spirit Squad members performed but didn't compete at the event they hosted over the weekend. Courtesy photo

ly by way of a recorded video in each team's gym (which is compared to a Zoom meeting recording to confirm it was a one-shot performance). All routines and awards went live to spectators for everyone to watch as if it were a live competition with teams back to back.

Dennis said, "We were excited to offer something for everyone no matter where a team may be this season. With quarantines and missing players more than usual, a team now has the ability to join a division that they feel is safest for their athletes at this point in the

season. There is no reason a cheerleading season should have to be canceled this year. The athletes do not need a season off, they need a safe opportunity to work hard and get better, no matter what their season may look like."



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Lancers Cross Country Teams Split with Nashua North

The Londonderry High School Cross Country teams hosted a meet on Saturday, Oct. 24 against the Nashua North High School runners. In that meet, the boys had a commanding 17-41 win, taking six of the top ten spots on the 3.11 mile run. The Lady Lancer runners had the opposite outcome, taking only four of the top spots and losing 34-22.

BOYS

The Lancer boys

swept the first four spots, senior Ryan Young was the first place winner for Londonderry with a time of 17:18.7 2, Fellow senior Matthew Griffin, came in just under two second later at 17:19.0 for the second spot.

The third place spot went to sophomore Sean Clegg, at 18:00.6 and sophomore Ryan Fortin, was one second behind him at 18:01.2.

Nashua's James Reel, took fifth at 18:09.7 and Titan Matthew Robert got the sixth place at 18:10.

Londonderry took

the next two spots with junior Will Plante, taking seventh at 18:14.7 and junior Cole Borovicka, took eighth place at 18:27.9.

Rounding out the top ten spots, the Nashua boys took nine and ten. Senior Nickolas Drew, had a time of 18:35.6 and D'sean Coffie ran a time of 18:44.2.

GIRLS

The Lady Lancer runners had a harder time with their race against their Nashua North competitors.

Nashua North took 1-3-5-6-7(10)(14) and LHS had the 2-4-8-9-11 (12)

(13) positions.

Nashua junior Dantia Braccio, finished in first with a time of 20:18.9.

Londonderry junior Grace McDonough was once again the top LHS runner with a second place finish at 21:18.1.

Annika Hayden, a Titan Freshman took third (21:39.3); Londonderry sophomore Katie Kraft, was fourth (21:53.1); Caroline Dobbens, Nashua, placed fifth (22:13.2); Erin Sung, Nashua North was sixth (22:27.1); seventh place went to Mariana Santos, Nashua, (22:35.4); the eighth spot went to LHS

runner Alea Millis, a junior (22:37.6); Londonderry's Gabrielle Page, senior, came in ninth (22:45.1); tenth went to Christina Juris, a Nashua North freshman 22:57.7.

The NHIAA Cross Country Divisional Championships are scheduled take place this coming Saturday, Oct. 31, at Derryfield Park in Manchester, but because of the COVID-19 Protocols, no spectators are allowed to attend. The event will be livestreamed on www.newhampshire-crosscountry.com

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 19



Kathryn Martin
Sophomore, Field Hockey

Kathryn Martin, had an amazing game in net for the Lancers in their quarterfinal double overtime 1-0 loss to Windham. She had numerous saves and was tested throughout the game. As a sophomore she has a bright future ahead.



Colby Eaton
Junior, Unified Soccer

Colby Eaton is a strong new addition to the Unified Soccer Team. Colby was a major offensive threat during the Lancers recent victories over Epping and Alvirne.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department

Field Hockey

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Londonderry, this time against a Windham team they had just given up nine goals to in two games the week prior.

After the four quarters of regulation play, the Lancers were able to keep the Lady Jaguars off the board despite the 17 corners taken by the Salem team.

Lady Lancer sophomore goalkeeper Kathryn Martin and her team-

mates made a number of successful stops to end the third period as Salem had three corner attempts with time expired.

The fourth period had the Salem girls giving it all they had, but Martin and her team kept it scoreless and sent the game into overtime.

The first of those seven-on-seven golden-goal OT periods ended scoreless, with Martin making two big saves to

end the period, one just before the buzzer.

In the second overtime period the Lancers were finally undone with a goal by Windham.

After the game Lancer Head Coach Nicole Treadway spoke about the unusual season overall, "Overall we were really, really thankful to be able to play all our games."

On the way her team played that day, she was pleased with the performance, despite the

loss, saying, "I'm so proud of the way that they played today. Windham's defense is phenomenal, and I said to my girls, if you can just get it past that line of defense you have a shot at scoring, but their defense was huge."

Treadway added that the LHS defense also played a big role in the game, "That was our focus this week at practice, cleaning up our defensive circle, and it worked."

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Starting on Monday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m., a virtual craft time will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page. Design your own pumpkin patch scene with Mr. Nate! Craft kits are available while supplies last. Please call the library at 432-1132 to reserve a time to pick up your kit today. Check the Leach Library's Facebook page on Monday, Nov. 2 for the link.

"Tour of Destiny"

The "Tour of Destiny" instructional video series is now available on the Leach Library Facebook page and YouTube channel. Each video covers a different topic to help you use and navigate Destiny, the Leach Library's cata-

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Young Adult Book Talk

Starting on Monday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m., a virtual book talk for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page. Miss Megan talks about two new books from popular young adult series: "Midnight Sun" by Stephanie Meyer and "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" by Suzanne Collins.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Oct. 19

8:31 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Rockingham Road.

9:20 a.m. Peace restored during a response to Neighborhood Disputes on Capitol Hill Drive.

2:16 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Robin Hood Drive.

Tuesday - Oct. 20

2:04 a.m. Missing Person investigated on Constitution Drive.

8:26 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Solid Advantage on Rockingham Road.

10:49 a.m. Three officers respond to suspicious activities investigated on Judy Drive.

8:45 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from Old Derry Road.

10:05 p.m. Warrant served and an arrest made on Shenandoah Avenue. Megan Patterson, 28, of Londonderry charged with 3 counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking \$0-\$1,000.

10:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road. Three officers assist with arresting Randy Estabrook, 38, of Raymond, on a Warrant; and Drive after having License Revoked/Suspended for Driving Under the Influence.

Wednesday - Oct. 21

12:35 a.m. Peace Restored after a Disturbance on Airport Road at Budget Car Rental

9:53 a.m. Conservation Ranger rendered services on Mayflower Drive.

11:20 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by six officers on Ridgmont Drive.
11:28 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Liberty Drive at Fleetpride Inc.

Thursday - Oct. 22

12:30 a.m. Four officers perform a Building Check on Nashua Road.

8:31 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Tokanel Drive.

2:20 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest made on Beacon Street.

2:44 p.m. Conservation Ranger rendered services at Rail Trail on Harvey Road.

4:52 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest made by three officers at MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

6:52 p.m. Services rendered for Missing Person on Winding Pond Road.

Friday - Oct. 23

12:33 a.m. Burglary investigated by five officers on Iroquois Circle.

3:53 a.m. Three officers investigate an assault on Rockingham Road.

9:21 p.m. Services Rendered for Criminal Mischief at Park & Ride on Symmes Drive.

12:15 p.m. Identity Theft investigated on Davenport Drive.

1:20 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Manter Mill Road.

1:33 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Charleston Avenue.

1:45 p.m. Identity Theft investigated on Auburn Road.

4:16 p.m. Identity Theft investigated on Alexander Road.

4:59 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes at Whispering Pines on Auburn Road.

6:36 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Perkins Road.

6:57 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Sargent Street in Allenstown. Kyle Beaulier, 29, of Manchester, charged with Burglary; and two counts of Criminal Mischief.

7:08 p.m. Robbery Investigated by five officers at 7-Eleven on Rock-

ingham Road.

Saturday - Oct. 24

3:47 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Industrial Drive.

9:24 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Catamount Road.

9:45 a.m. Services rendered by Conservation Ranger at Plummer Property on High Range Road.

10:02 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Nashua Road.

3:38 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Quincy Road.

8:19 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Hall Road at Mammoth Road.

Sunday - Oct. 25

12:06 a.m. Assisted Derry Police Department with services on Rockingham Road.

3:04 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Kelly Avenue at Pro Star Aviation

10:24 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Rockingham Democrats office on Litchfield Road.

11:14 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from Tyler Drive.

1:38 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing at Pro Star Aviation on Kelly Avenue.

1:45 p.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance at Convenience Plus Londonderry on Rockingham Road.

2:03 p.m. Auto Fire investigated on Harvey Road at Planeview Drive.

2:31 p.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on Michels Way at Nashua Road.

3:50 p.m. Arrest made for Shoplifting at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive. Gail McMillan, 68, of Derry, charged with Willful Concealment (Theft); and Theft by Deception of \$0-\$1,000.

5:02 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Stonehenge Road.

Around Town

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line at www.londonderry-womensclub.org. They must be submitted by Nov. 15. If you have questions, contact us at info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

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. Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

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.

Roaring 20's Drive-In Auction

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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.

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.

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.

St. Jude Food Pantry

St. Jude's Food Pantry is open to all Londonderry resident who maybe in

need. Call Kay at 434-1827 to make an appointment to pickup your food from the pantry. "We are there for the people and want to help them."

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.

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 preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Con-

tact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org

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